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The Chemerinsky Report

by Ted Hunt

The 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis brought the world to the edge of nuclear war where the results would have millions dead with long-term waste and destruction. One of the outcomes of that close call was the installation of a basic communications device - the "Hot Line" telephone link between Washington, D.C. and the Kremlin.

I have long believed that extremist "lefties" and "ACLU types" are the enemy of police officers. And there is plenty of evidence. After public outcries such as the post-Rodney King era, O.J. Simpson trial, and now the Rafael Perez incident, many, many officers have been, and are, in the process of being served up as sacrificial offerings to the extremists. Many good Rampart officers are being persecuted by "the system" and their only "crime" was showing up to work at the same time and place as Rafael Perez.

But who served these officers up to the "lefties" clamoring for blood? They were served up by management and city officials who were busy protecting their backsides for their own inefficiencies and bad decisions. My job was to ensure the pro-

tection of officers by turning the thing around and putting the responsibility where it belongs - not on the backs of rank-and-file cops.

The primary lesson that I learned from the Rodney King incident and so many more incidents, was that LAPPL failed to have a "Hot Line" with its adversary, failed to communicate and help prevent the "nuclear destruction" of officers who were simply following official policy and procedure. LAPPL remained silent while management and the *Los Angeles Times* communicated to the "ACLU types." The message was not ours. It was their version of "what went wrong." The result, officers who did what they were taught to do, who followed orders, had their lives ruined. And it has happened over and over again.

Learning from past mistakes is very important. We needed to establish direct communication with our antagonists so we could resolve problems before they fester into full-scale war. We needed a "Hot Line" to prevent nuclear war.

The situation that the Department is in right now is probably the most critical it has ever been in. We have been beaten for

at least 10 years: Rodney King, the '92 riots, O.J. Simpson, then Rafael Perez. Flexible scheduling was abandoned. Coppers are getting demoted, transferred, and fired. The Feds have come to town. Morale ebbs lower and lower. We can't hire enough people even to save an \$8.2 million dollar grant. Those who can get out are getting out.

When it was announced that the Feds were "coming to town," I sent out an e-mail to many of you to get input back as to what you think. The message was consistent:

1. Things are really bad here at LAPD, in fact, it is worse than bad.
2. We need someone from the outside to see what is really going on at LAPD - no one would believe it.
3. If the Feds can help and give relief to an otherwise abusive system, bring them in.

It really kind of boils down to this: something had to be done. No one was listening to us. When we spoke out, decrying the abuses and problems, everyone said, "They're mad because Perez broke the 'code of silence,'" or, "They're mad

because they're finally getting disciplined and they don't like it."

To turn around those misconceptions, we had to not only think "outside the box," we had to step "outside the box." And that is exactly what we did by taking an unprecedented step.

Let's say you were very sick and needed an operation. The pain was becoming too great to bear. But, every time you told someone that you were sick, they said, "No, you're not. You don't know what sick is, and that pain, that is good for you."

You needed someone to listen, someone to whom you could explain the symptoms. You needed a cure, even if it was going to hurt worse before the cure could start. Sounds silly, doesn't it? But that is where we were a couple of months ago. We had to be examined by someone who would be listened to.

Why a Review of the Board of Inquiry?

We were very disappointed with the Board of Inquiry Report, because it appears to say that LAPD officers were

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The 2000 Democratic National Convention was hosted by our city from August 14 to 17, 2000. The League campaigned to have the convention in Los Angeles along with many other organizations and civic leaders. We believed that the convention would help bring the MOU to a successful conclusion on time and that a substantial salary and benefit package would be included. It all came to fruition when the League and Council agreed on a 16% three-year contract with increased benefits in late June. Following the contract resolution, we immediately began to work on other benefits for our members. Benefits like a new and improved pension program, the deferred retirement option program (DROP), a reasonable, fair, and balanced disciplinary system, binding arbitration and finally, the compressed work schedule.

Negotiations are currently underway for the unfinished business. My good friend League President Ted Hunt has led the team in the right direction. As his Vice President, I have helped in every way possible. Binding arbitration (AB 402) will be signed into law by Governor Gray Davis shortly. This will finally bring an end to stalled contract talks for the states' police and fire personnel, and give us the remedy we have

sought for years. We have worked hard on this legislation and appreciate the wisdom and courage of our state legislators and Governor Gray Davis. Many city officials throughout the state launched a strong lobbying effort to kill this legislation. The days of begging for police and fire contracts will come to an end when this law takes effect.

Anarchists Descend on the 2000 Democratic National Convention

Following their successful disturbances and massive destruction of property in Seattle, Washington, and Washington, D.C., the social misfits without a cause or purpose in our society decided to try their tactics in the City of the Angels. Well, what a mistake they made. With the Department and allied agencies equipped and well-trained to handle the spoiled descendants of the Jerry Springer generation, the anarchists learned a very important lesson. Don't mess with the LAPD and its personnel if you want to go home at night without the taste of tear gas in your mouth, body bruises, or booking numbers.

Anarchists have become the new self-anointed crusaders for all of the injustices they believe exist in our society. Injustices like gasoline and diesel to power cars and trucks, and the killing of

animals for food. Corporate greed and everyone who makes a profit in our capitalist society are the targets of the anarchists. Webster's defines an anarchist as one who seeks to overturn by violence all constituted forms and institutions of society and government, with no purpose of establishing any other system or order in the place of that destroyed. Or a person who promotes disorder or excites revolt against any established rule, law or custom. With that in mind, we can understand why the Department deployed personnel in such massive numbers. If given the slightest opportunity to cause destruction to our city, the anarchists would have had a field day. They would have claimed

another victory for their cause and the LAPD brass would be explaining why the Department responded so slowly and without sufficient resources. The federal judge who granted them the right to protest just feet away from the Staples Center may be in need of mental help. While it is considered free speech, it cost the taxpayers of Los Angeles millions of dollars in security measures to abide by the judge's ruling for protestors.

While I was mingling with the crowds and gathering photos for this special *Thin Blue Line* edition, I saw the dedication and professionalism from the many skirmish lines I visited. From the security at Staples, the Convention Center and Hotels to the streets of downtown Los Angeles. LAPD and the CHP were visibly everywhere. There were also plainclothes FBI and Secret Service Agents planted in strategic locations. It was an outstanding demonstration of how we



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Motor Officer and League Delegate Mike Flynn recovering from injuries sustained in a motorcycle T/C.

can all come together and do our job when given the opportunity and proper leadership. Congratulations to all personnel involved in this historical event. You have all earned a special place in history while the anarchists have earned bail receipts and photos in our intelligence files. My photos in this special edition of the *Blue Line* are designed to capture the flavor of the convention from the police perspective.

If you see a photo of yourself and want a copy, please contact me at the League.

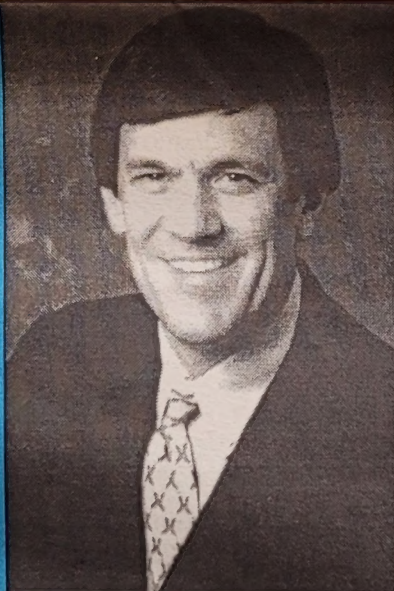
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Another Ship Passes in the Night

It is always with great sadness when I read the "Weekly Consolidated Bulletin" and learn that one of our former police members has passed away. With 25 years on the force, it is becoming more common for me to read the obituaries of retirees whom I knew personally and their deaths usually stir good memories of the not to distant past. Unfortunately, some retirees are passing away like ships in the night, and most of our members never knew them or what they accomplished while working with this agency. One such person who recently passed was Sergeant Theron Major Jackson. Since I had the opportunity to know this extremely talented individual, I thought it would be appropriate to honor him by sharing some of his accomplishments with you.

Theron Major Jackson was born September 21, 1935, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Joseph and Maybelle Jackson. At an early age, Theron demonstrated artistic ability well beyond his peers and was a child actor—a difficult profession to enter being a male Black in the late 30's and early 40's. He received training in tap dancing and photography and his mother, Maybelle Jackson, guided his movie and stage career. He appeared in over thirty films including: "Cabin in the Sky," "Bright Road," "Duel in the Sun," and "Glory." He also starred in a long-running family sitcom "Our Gang." His stage credits included "Father was President" which ran at the Westwood Theater in the 1950's.

Theron's father-in-law, Gladstone Williams, was a career Los Angeles Police Officer. Impressed with his father-in-law's career and accomplishments, Theron decided to leave

his film and stage career to do more for the public than just entertain them. He wanted to make Los Angeles a better place, so he joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1962 under former Police Chief William H. Parker. His assignments included vice, narcotics, training officer, Internal Affairs, patrol supervisor, Administrative Aide to the Director of Community Relations and he was the Assistant to the Commanding Officer of Police Commission Investigation Division. Theron earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Redlands and he received his teaching credential in 1970. He taught Police Science at L.A. City College in 1971. In 1980, Theron joined the Pardons and Parole Board due to his commitment to better the legal system and he later became a Board Member of the California Department of Corrections.

After retiring from the Department, Theron worked in Phoenix, Arizona as a Case Analyst for the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency. A few years later he entered the University of Phoenix and obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Management. At the time of his death, Theron was an Assistant Professor at Southwest Community College in the Administration of Justice program. While his passing has left a great void in our hearts and memories, Theron left us with a very special stepdaughter, Crystal Burke-Potts, to follow in his footsteps. Crystal is a Los Angeles Police Officer assigned to Van Nuys Area and we hope that she, too, will leave a very special legacy with this Department. Thank you Theron for 26 years of dedicated service to the Department and for a film and stage career that rivaled Hollywood's best.

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In the Disguise of Charter Reform

Amendments to Charter Section 1070 are being proposed by the Chief of Police under the disguise of reforms to police discipline. It is a 10-page document filled with legalities. However, to simplify the proposed amendments, there are five issues with which the League has contention. Three of these have nothing to do with reforms to police discipline. The five issues are:

1. Elimination of the double jeopardy provision if substantial new evidence surfaces;
2. Extension of the statute of limitations on police discipline cases if there is pending civil or criminal litigation or multiple officers;
3. Elimination of Defense Representatives;
4. Elimination of paid transcripts for the employee;
5. Elimination of the extra 30 days' pay when an employee is relieved of duty prior to a Board of Rights.

The Chief of Police has publicly stated that he needs to implement issues 1 and 2 and he has used the "Perez Incident" to justify his efforts. Items 1 and 2 are not stopping the Chief of Police from charging officers. They are just causing the Chief to abide by certain procedures before charging an officer, which the Chief of Police doesn't want to do. One of the main reasons items 1 and 2 were put in the City Charter and in criminal and civil laws was to prevent corruption, in that the Chief of Police or prosecuting authority doesn't abuse their power by arbitrarily or capriciously prosecuting officers years down the road, or for cases that have been adjudicated as not guilty, and then again prosecuting officers on "substantial new evidence" which is based on the Chief of Police's interpretation.

This brings me to the meat and potatoes of my article. Item 3, 4 and 5 have nothing to do with police discipline reform and are merely takeaways from us. These proposals will take money from your and my families' pockets, in

that League dues will probably need to be increased for representing our members, and members will be paying for their own transcripts. When a member is relieved of duty pending a Board of Rights and the case goes over 60 days (which a lot of BOR's do) the officer will lose the 30-days' pay which was granted to him by the Charter Reform Commission. Issues 3, 4 and 5 are coming strictly from the Chief of Police. These issues are strictly an attack on the LAPPL, which will possibly cause every officer, including myself, loss in pay.

Your Board of Directors has met with the Chief of Police and his representatives and expressed our deep concerns regarding Charter Section 1070. Our concerns have fallen on deaf ears. The Chief of Police, in a hastened move, attempted to force proposed Charter Section 1070 through City Council for approval to have it placed on the November 2000 ballot for the citizens to vote on. The Chief of Police did not prevail in obtaining the needed majority vote of City Councilmembers to put 1070 on the November ballot. Your Board of Directors was over at City Hall

on a daily basis educating the City Council on the pitfalls, ramifications and lack of a need for Charter Section 1070. The City Council via a motion by Rudy Svorinich placed Charter Section 1070 back into the Executive Employee Relations Committee, to be modified and be placed on the April 2001 ballot. Your Board of Directors will be using all means possible to modify or stop Charter Section 1070 from reaching the April 2001 ballot.

In conclusion, we have prevailed at City Council for the moment, regarding stopping 1070. Every Councilmember has and will continue to be informed of how important this Charter change is for us. However, I find it discerning that after the needed morale booster of the DNC, and one of the best fiscal MOU's ever negotiated, the Chief of Police continues to press to have Charter Section 1070 placed on the ballot, which if passed by the citizens, would be a complete morale buster. I will be updating you in the future articles.

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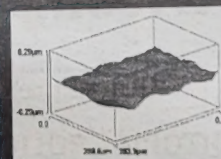
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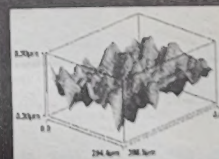
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After your funeral, additional resources and services are incorporated into the services provided to your family. There is a financial counseling team, meetings with pension and work comp case workers, and appointments with organizations like the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation,

Los Angeles Police Relief Association and the Los Angeles Police Protective League. But, what about the "unknowns"—the unique grief experienced by your survivors—the questions they will surely be pondering during this time and the weeks and months and years after you are gone?

In 1983, following the tragic death of Motor Officer Paul Verna, then Chief of Police Daryl F. Gates, Wraydine Mercier, Sandy Verna, Cathy Crawford, Karen Choquette and others, realized the need for a support group comprised of spouses with one main thing in common...Grief. The Family Support Group was founded. Representing a diversity of backgrounds, the spouses comprising the Family Support Group have united together to transcend social and cultural differences in an effort to support one another through the grieving process. The creed of the Family Support Group is, "Every one of our officers is a Hero. It's not how they died that is held in highest tribute. It's how they honorably lived their lives as police officers."

The Family Support Group meets monthly to provide emotional support to one another and hear professional speakers on various topics of concern to the membership. The Family Support Group also provides grief

training to Department personnel and has a special liaison with the Protective League, Police Memorial Foundation and Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS).

On November 6, 2000, we are designating the 18th Annual Los Angeles Police Protective League Charity Golf Tournament at the Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge, as our fundraiser for the Los Angeles Police Family Support Group. Please contact the Los Angeles Police Protective League if you would like to participate, either as a sponsor or player. And see our ad on page 47 of this issue. Please

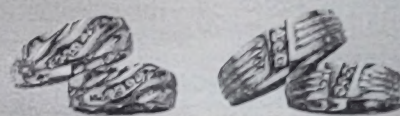
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Peace of mind is critical to all of us. For 17 years, the Family Support Group has provided spouses and family members and friends of fallen officers with loving and dedicated care. If you would like more information on this wonderful group of people, please contact Ann Brunzell at (213) 485-3270.

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WORKING TOWARD OUR FUTURE

MITZI GRASSO

Occasionally, we come across situations regarding workers' compensation claims that are so incredible that unless one experienced it oneself, they wouldn't believe it. The following is one such story that I think should be shared with all of you. If ever you should run into a similar situation, maybe this story will give you guidance. Thank you, Scott Landsman for sharing it with us.

Blue Line Editor,

My name is Scott Landsman and I retired from the Department in January 2000, on a disability pension. I had accumulated a number of injuries over a 24-year career but the injury that is most responsible for my retirement was the one I could not get prompt care for. The injury occurred in April 1998, and I still have not been scheduled for surgery. My process in dealing with Firm Solutions and then Cambridge has been a long and arduous ordeal. I was finally assigned a nurse case worker approximately two months ago to assist with my medical treatment but it was only after I let Cambridge know that I was upset with the process. Until, that time, my Workers' Compensation case-worker employed a number of methods to delay medical treatment. It took almost four months for me to get a diagnostic test with the doctor calling every four weeks when I came for a visit as well as calling between the

visit. I have spoken to other police officers that have or had IOD injuries, accepted as such by the City, and they have had similar experiences. I am requesting that this letter be printed in the Blue Line to find out if there is enough interest from officers to pursue a class action suit against Cambridge for their practices. If my injury had been attended to in a timely manner I might still be working. As it is, the injury has progressed to the point that even with surgery I would not be able to return to work.

Scott Landsman

When we first signed on as police officers it was with the knowledge that police work is a dangerous profession. Those dangers were glorified by the shows we watched on T.V. and the movies we saw in the theaters. We saw shoot-outs in "Dragnet" and "Hawaii Five-O" and in all the "Dirty Harry" movies. We read the newspapers and watched the nightly news as they reported confrontations between violent criminals and the police. But even so most of us had wanted to be police officers for as long as we could remember. And when we took the "Oath" it was our promise to the Department, to City Hall, and to the citizens of Los Angeles that we would fulfill the provisions of that oath no matter what the dangers.

And in return we were promised that if we did get injured on the job, the City would be there to provide medical treatment and get us back to work. Once an injury occurred, a supervisor would investigate the circumstances and record his or her findings on the appropriate report. We would receive immediate medical treatment at the nearest contract facility and either we would go back to work if the injury was not serious or be placed off work until medically cleared to return to duty. If the injury were more serious and needed follow-up treatment the City would schedule the appointment for a specialist. All of that sounds simple. Get hurt, get treated, get healed, and get back to work.

There was no secret about the high risk of injuries to police officers. The job itself is inherently dangerous. There are the criminals we face that fight, flee in a vehicle, or run away on foot. During any one of those incidents an injury can occur. It could be serious enough to leave the officer with a life-long condition, cause the officer to become disabled or lose his or her life. But this is where the problems begin. Even after first being treated by a "City" doctor, Firm Solutions in the past, and now Cambridge, might not accept the opinion of that doctor and send you for a second opinion. By the time the second opinion is reviewed, the 30 days has passed and you are able to select your own physician. Firm Solutions or Cambridge would approve your doctor's requests, up to a point, and then either ignore the requests or deny them by sending you to one of their own pre-selected doctors to render an opposing opinion. And although your treating doctor carries the most weight in a court of law, Firm Solutions and Cambridge would choose their doctor's opinion over that of our treating physician.

So now your treatment or surgery is delayed by months for an injury that was originally approved as an IOD injury by the Department and now your injury has worsened, even to the point of becoming a permanent condition. All the delaying and denying is done for a purpose. The purpose of saving money. Remember, Firm Solutions and Cambridge are nothing more than insurance companies. They are in the business to make money. Both companies promised the City of Los Angeles that they would save them money on Workers' Compensation costs. There is no way to predicting how many officers will become injured or how severe those injuries will be. A recent report in "Consumer's Report" stated that by denying all claims, these insurance companies save about 8% on their annual costs.

The Workers' Compensation system is considered to be a necessary evil. The City views it as a drain on City funds and not as a benefit they would gladly provide to their police officers and firefighters for the dangerous jobs they do. This leaves you with the option of hiring an attorney to protect your rights or trusting the City to take care of your injury properly. We all realize that cheaters have mis-used the Workers' Compensation system over the years, but most injuries are legitimate. Those with legitimate injuries should not be penalized because of the few that cheat. It should be up to the insurance company to determine who are the cheaters and not our responsibility to keep proving that our injuries are legitimate until we finally get the required medical treatment. By that time it may be too late for some injuries. The condition may well be a permanent one that could have been fixed if treated in a timely manner.

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It's an interesting study of people that are millionaires and how they got there. Most of them did it over a long period of time and they had tremendous discipline with regard to saving and investing. We currently enjoy a pension and the payment for that pension is taken directly out of our checks. We don't realize that money is taken out because we never see it. Imagine if you had to take that money yourself, every payday and invest or save it. For most of us it would be too much of a temptation to spend some of it because money was tight that payday or we just wanted to take that trip. Whatever the reason it would most likely be significantly less than it should be at the time we decided to retire.

We also enjoy another benefit that all of us should be involved in and that is Deferred Compensation. Currently about 50% of you participate in this program. It is a great way to save money for retirement and it is tax deferred until you take it out. What does that mean to you? For example, if you put \$100 per payday into deferred comp, you would see approximately \$75 per payday taken out of your check. You can currently max out at \$320 per payday. That is a tremendous amount of money saved over a 20-25-30 year period. The maximum amount that you can currently put into a deferred comp account would be \$8000 per year. Multiply \$320 X 25 pay periods. Let's use 30 years as the number of years that you put money into your deferred comp account. That computes to \$240,000 at the end of 30 years. That is just what the cash value of your account would be worth if you never made a penny in interest or growth in a mutual fund. Let's use 10% per year growth on your \$8000 invested over 30 years, this calculates out to more than \$775,000.

Financial consultants suggest that you save at least 15% of your pretax income for retirement. Let's do a case study of a top step PIII to see what they would be saving using their deferred comp and pension as the figures for saving. For the purposes of this article I will use the figures from the Salary Table from July 1, 1999, using base pay, POST, and longevity. (Page 68 in the 1996-2000 MOU)

This PIII would make \$66,628.08 per year.

He would pay \$5,330.25 into his or her pension—that is 8% of his salary per year.

If he or she were maxed out in their deferred comp at \$8,000 that would be 12% of their salary per year, at an annual return of 8-10% this officer would have in excess of \$775,000.

You would have exceeded what the experts say you should be saving for retirement by 5%. What does all of that mean? It means that you and your family will be financially secure in the future.

If this PIII were to retire at that pay with 30 years service, he would receive a pension of \$46,639.66 per year. I am not adding in any cost of living increases in this scenario but you could figure 3% per year in retirement, but for this example we will remain conservative. If this officer collects a pension for 20 years he would have collected \$932,793.20 over that period of time.

\$932,793.20

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Congratulations! At the date of your retirement your net worth is well over ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

How do you get there and how do you keep it once you get there? It starts with years of wise use of your money. To start, you need to eliminate certain types of debt. Credit card debt appears to be a growing problem in our country. If you have a credit card you are probably paying between 13.5% and 21%. That is outrageous and if you make the minimum payments it will take you years to pay the debt off and the only people who make money on that investment are the credit card companies. You must pay off the credit cards. If you have money in a savings account, how much interest are you making on that money? I'll bet not as much as you are paying on your credit card debt. Maybe you can only pay a little more than the minimum payment. That is much better than paying just the minimum. The point is you must get rid of the high interest debt as soon as possible. Probably at the same time you are getting rid of the debt you must change your spending habits and for most of us that is very difficult. The ultimate goal should be to be financially secure before we reach retirement and the only way to do that short of winning the lotto is by living below your means. For example, never buy a house for more than two times your household annual income. Buy a car as opposed to leasing it and then hang on to that car for 5-10 years. I will talk more about those things in future articles but the real point that I would like to drive home in this article is you must get into deferred comp as soon as you can and you should be maxed out as soon as possible.

The last thing on this topic is just for you to see how well are you doing financially. Multiply your age times your realized pretax annual household income from all sources except inheritances. Divide by ten. This less any inherited wealth, is what your net worth should be. Is it? (This is assuming the older you are the more wealth you should have accumulated.)

Accountability

I have been your Director for almost a year now and during that time I have had numerous members ask what I do. I have heard members say, "The League doesn't do anything." Well, you elected me and you pay my salary so you are entitled to know what I have been doing as your League Director.

To put this into perspective, I have been your Director for 292 days. I have been at work for 226 of those days. I have been in the League office working for 171 days. That means that of the days that I worked I spent 75.66% of those days in the League office helping our members. The days that I was not in the League office, I was conducting League business that benefited the League membership. I have written 9 Blue Line articles. Most of those articles took me to such places as City Hall, Parker Center, and the Bradbury Building. I have worked a total of 2204 hours as your Director and have averaged 9.75 working hours per day. The Directors do not receive overtime unless they respond to an Officer Involved Shooting. As your Director I have only been summoned to respond to 3 OIS's while I had the on-call duty.

I was assigned to City Hall when I first became a Director and the issue that we had to deal with was the FLSA settlement. After figuring out the major people involved with the settlement, we discovered what was hanging the settlement. After speaking with those people and getting some compromises on both sides a settlement was reached.

I was then given the task of setting up our website, www.lapd.com, along with an e-commerce business. The website was completely re-done with some of the newest web technology available. My budget for this project was \$10,000. After the website was up and running I worked on the e-commerce business. We have signed licensing agreements with companies allowing them to produce our Police Cars and for that we receive a royalty for every car that is sold. To date, the League-owned LAPD.COM has sponsored and given money to charitable organizations, all without using any of the \$10,000 budgeted to get started. Today our website gets an average of 28,000 hits per week.

Contract negotiations started and the Rafael Perez Scandal broke about the same time. I was assigned to the M.O.U. Negotiation Team and spent most of my time at City Hall while dealing with the contract issues. At the same time, I and every other Director was dealing with the massive problems that Rafael Perez had caused for our members. The phones at the League rang off the hook as officer after officer called asking for help and everyone was searching for a solution. The Directors had endless meetings about this scandal with officers and attorneys. To date we have represented all of those officers that have asked us for help during this crisis. During all of this we continued negotiating our contract with the rest of the negotiating team and we settled the best economic contract that the League has had in years. During the negotiations I traveled to Sacramento on several occasions to speak with people that could, and eventually did, help us get our contract. Currently the Fire Department and the Command Staff Officers Association are working without a contract and I have been approached and asked to help them. We did not get CWS in the contract but this issue didn't stop there. Since the conclusion of contract negotiations Mitzi Grasso and I have been preparing a campaign for the CWS. This campaign will be the most comprehensive, and labor-intensive undertaking that the League has ever done, but our commitment to you was that we would do everything that we could to get you CWS. We are not done yet.

The Chief of Police attempted to tie Charter Amendment 1070 to our contract and then have it put on the November ballot. This would have eliminated Defense Representatives and taken away many of the rights that you currently enjoy. Again, I was sent to City Hall to fight this battle. Again the League prevailed.

We are currently opening negotiations on Pension Reform, and as the Chairman of the Pensions Committee I am deeply involved with those negotiations.

I am currently working to get the City to allow us to negotiate any Police Reform that they might put on the April Ballot.

I am currently involved with talks over the Virtual Reality Investigations with the Department.

I was assigned to help Cliff Ruff in Sacramento and during my time as your Director the State Legislature passed a Binding Arbitration bill and the Governor should have it signed by the time this is published.

I will also be part of the negotiations involving the federal government and the consent decree if we are allowed to participate.

I think one of the most important things that I have done as your Director was to deliver food and water to countless officers during the DNC. One of our command staff officers told Bob Baker, "Look, now you're just a water boy." I think the greatest thing we as your Directors can do is to serve you, our members, and if you need water we will give you water, if you need food we will give you food. The Directors proudly served you, our members when no one else would. I'll be a water boy if it helps our members.

This is just a partial account of what I have done since becoming your Director and I don't think the other Directors' accountability would be much different than mine. I do apologize for not being able to get to as many roll calls as I wanted to, and to those of you who have retired while I have been your Director, good luck in your retirement and I'm sorry if I didn't get to your retirement party.

In the coming League elections, question those who would cast baseless claims and allegations. Ask for proof of the allegations and if they cannot prove the allegations ask yourself, would I want to elect that person. I encourage everyone to vote in the elections and vote for the person who you believe would look out for your best interest.



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TIME FOR A CHANGE?

RICK WELLS

That's a question that each LAPPL member must ask themselves this time every year, as it is now when some Directors' positions will be up for election. Every three years each Director must ask himself the same question too.

Having served as your Director for the past six years I did in fact ask myself if it was time for a change. In truth the real question is, do League members think it's time for a change.

I asked myself the following:

Do I still have good ideas and the ability to get results for members that would improve their salaries, benefits and working conditions?

As recently as yesterday, I had a two hour face-to-face meeting with the Chief representing members, whose issues can be resolved only by the Chief. I had several such meetings in the past with extremely good results. I was granted that audience with the Chief, not because I'm a big mouth or a braggart, or "Union thug," but because the Chief knows that the issues I brought to him in the past have always been valid, well thought out, and within his purview to fix.

If I stayed on the Board would I be a vital force and productive team member or just a hanger-on whose productive times were long since past?

The Chemical Dependency Program that covers each of you and members of your family was in fact, my idea. I've watched many police families struggle with the horror of alcoholism and drug dependency, with nowhere to go for help. Five years ago, I vowed that I would see to it that every member of this Department would someday have the best, state of the art treatment available at no cost to them. I have kept that promise and have delivered to you, effective July 1st of this year the most comprehensive Chemical Dependency Program in this country, as a free benefit.

As a result of my efforts, Metro K-9 and our HazMat unit have finally received much deserved and long overdue hazard pay.

I am presently involved in issues I don't want to leave unfinished without my personal participation, including legal representation reforms and chal-

lenges to the disciplinary system that I believe in my heart has gone awry.

Was I the right person, at the right time to serve as your Director for the last six years?

For the many members and families of members, who found themselves victims of various catastrophes both on and off duty that I helped frequently on my own off-duty time, I believe the answer would be a resounding yes. I have been there countless times, to offer assistance, consultation, legal recourse, and a simple sounding board where one could safely vent without fear of retribution.

Lastly, was there sufficient personal reward and sense of accomplishment to warrant the extremely long hours, the stress associated with the never ending suffering that I witnessed so many of our members and their families going through over the years?

Yes, just like in the street you can't always leave those images in your locker or office when you go home at night. More often than not the sadness of one's brothers becomes like your own. It eats at you like an unseen cancer until it consumes your life too, if not kept in check. All of you who have ever cared about someone know exactly what I mean.

The last six years have truly been the most rewarding and challenging years of my career. I wouldn't trade them for any amount of money, because money could not buy the satisfaction I derived from helping people who couldn't help themselves.

When I did my own reality check I also considered what I believe to be the reasons for wanting to continue serving as a Director. Believe me there are many great reasons to serve as a Director. There are few jobs around that give one the opportunity to help fellow officers at the level we frequently find ourselves working at.

Having spent almost eleven years serving you as a Defense Representative for almost five years prior to becoming a Director and six as your Director, I've been with you during the good times, when contracts settled and benefits were improved, when grievances and arbitrations were won and better yet, when conflicts were resolved without battles through the use of diplomacy, persuasion, common sense and sheer tenacity.

I've also been there with hundreds of you during life tragedies and challenges. I've been with you during some of the darkest moments many of you have faced. I stayed at your side during good times and bad, attentive to your needs and the needs of your families, through illness, death and discipline issues (both losses and victories).

I wouldn't trade a minute of the last ten years of my life. Through the sad times I've grown to appreciate the good times even more. I thank each of you for these opportunities.

I guess I've said all that to say this, you must now decide, "Is it time for a change?" Whatever your decision, please do vote in the upcoming elections. Each of you has one vote and every vote is important.

As always, take care of each other and wear your vest!

President's Message

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mediocre. Through the efforts of Don Lint, management eventually admitted that when their Report said that LAPD was mediocre, it meant that LAPD management was mediocre, NOT LAPD officers.

Beyond that, the Report did not address the issue of disparate treatment between rank-and-file officers and management. In other words, if a "blue suiter" or a detective working a table did something minor, he or she would be smashed with a huge hammer. "Burn 'em to learn 'em" had been replaced with "smash 'em and smash 'em again - who cares if it has value - if they don't like it, they can leave." But, if a "favored one" did something, it was treated totally different. Something had to be done. We had to get someone to take a look at what is really going on and report on it.

Why Professor Chemerinsky?

Erwin Chemerinsky has credibility which is recognized in all circles and political points of view. We may or may not agree with his positions, but his integrity is without question. Notwithstanding, it might be Machiavellian—"Hold your friends close, and your enemies closer."

Most of us consider the ACLU and "ACLU types" the enemy.

A long time ago, one of my training officers told me that if the League was smart, they would communicate directly with the ACLU to explain to them that, while some of the ACLU ideas may sound good in concept, they simply can't work in a real world. Their ideas aren't practical. Theory and reality are often two completely different things. For example, by one theory, objects heavier than air cannot fly. So, when the ACLU started attacking us, I decided to find out what the problem was and try to come to some reasonable solution.

What Did Chemerinsky Say?

Chemerinsky interviewed hundreds of LAPD officers who volunteered to express their frustrations with the LAPD system. The summary of his critique on the Board of Inquiry Report says that it failed to:

1. Identify the extent of the problems at LAPD and minimized its scope and nature.
2. Recognize that the central problem in LAPD is the culture.
3. Consider the need for structural changes in the Police Commission, Inspector General, and oversight mechanisms.

4. Accept the problems of the unfair disciplinary system.

5. Acknowledge the problems with the way that LAPD handles excessive force cases.

6. Recognize that LAPD is only part of a larger criminal justice system that has serious problems.

What Did He Conclude?

"The inescapable conclusion of this study is that there are serious, indeed dire, problems within the Los Angeles Police Department. The Board of Inquiry failed to appreciate this and, thus, failed to propose the reforms that are imperative.

"No single reform can be sufficient. Reform is not an event, but a process that will take many years to complete. The hope is that this crisis provides a unique opportunity for reform. This opportunity must not be squandered. This report is written with the strong belief that reform is possible and that future Ramparts can be prevented."

How Much Did It Cost?

The League did not use one penny of funds for this Report. Professor Chemerinsky said that if he was to issue an independent report, he could not and would not accept money from the League. He even paid for the photocopying and binding of the first 100 copies of the Report.

Chemerinsky vs. Proposed Consent Decree

Chemerinsky's Report is an analysis on the Board of Inquiry Report. It is not a part of the proposed consent decree. They are two different things. Chemerinsky identifies problems and makes recommendations. Those recommendations are not a part of the official consent decree proposal. The proposed consent decree is totally different.

The Department of Justice has been looking at LAPD for a "pattern and practice" lawsuit for a long time based on Rodney King, O.J., and Perez. The

two recent incidents that I believe spurred DOJ into going forward and pushing for a consent decree are (1) The Board of Inquiry Report; and (2) The failure of LAPD to use the thousands of dollars that DOJ set aside for the development of TEAMS II.

What Value Did We Get?

A former high-ranking LAPD official summarized the value of the Chemerinsky Report to rank-and-file officers:

1. LAPPL isolated the problem and put the responsibility where it belongs—on management and the politicians. They could no longer get away with blaming the "cop on the beat."
2. By isolating management and the politicians, LAPPL immediately protected hundreds of officers who would have otherwise been "scape-goated."
3. LAPPL helped get to the root of the problem and break the cycle of political irresponsibility and screw ups and the continual shifting of the blame to rank-and-file officers.

It was a bold step. It was like judo. We blocked and then deflected the angry energy of the "ACLU types" onto management and the politicians.

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It has now been acknowledged by all who watched the unfolding of events during the Democratic National Convention, LAPD officers all performed above and beyond the call of duty. The flawless protection and prevention services provided by you, the officers of the LAPD, created an atmosphere of no-nonsense professionalism, of which you all can be proud. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I offer our appreciation and respect for the success you brought to the DNC and share in your dedication, pride, and commitment to your Department and those citizens you serve.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



Consent Decree: Status Report

In 1994, the U.S. Congress approved significant legislation that may certainly have an extremely important impact on the operations of the LAPD and on the manner that LAPD officers do their jobs in the streets to keep this community safe. Section 14141 of Title 42 of the U.S. Code now prohibits governmental authorities or those acting on their behalf from engaging in "a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officials" that deprives persons of "rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States." What this really means is that whenever the U.S. Attorney General has cause to believe that a violation of this new statute has occurred, the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") is authorized to civilly sue cities and counties in federal court for equitable and declaratory relief "to eliminate the pattern and practice." As you know, DOJ has publicly threatened the City of Los Angeles ("City") with such a suit as a means of persuading the City to enter into a consent decree "in order to promote police integrity and prevent conduct that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States."

What does this development mean to LAPD officers? Well, at a minimum, there is a potentially dangerous intrusion into the manner in which LAPD officers normally deal with criminal activities throughout the City by people who lack the capability, understanding and expertise to do so.

This article is not intended to inform you of the League's official position on the proposed consent decree. These developments are too recent for such an assessment by the League's Board of Directors, and whatever position the League takes will very much depend on how the City and DOJ react to the League's concerns. The focus of this article, then, is limited to a discussion of developments that have already occurred and what the League's role has been on this issue.

During the last four (4) months of closed door talks between the City and DOJ over the proposed consent decree, the League made repeated attempts to participate or, at the least, learn the details of the discussions. To no avail, the League has continued to seek this information since the public announcement by DOJ of its intent to sue the City over the alleged "unconstitutional pattern and practices." The City and DOJ cannot now naively enter into an agreement by way of a consent decree, yet deprive the League and its members of the opportunity to participate. Litigation is a two-way street!

To date, LAPD management and the media have smeared the good name and reputation of every woman and man who serves as a Los Angeles police officer by claiming that the Rafael Perez scandal is a sign of corruption and mediocrity among the ranks of LAPD officers. However, in our view, DOJ's intended civil complaint, which generated national news coverage, is largely based on police management's allegations of corruption and on its own Board of Inquiry Report.

To summarize, the League's present position is simply to continue its effort to seek information from DOJ and City officials to many serious questions, to which the League long has been seeking answers. Some of the most important are: what specific incidents make up the alleged "patterns or practices" of LAPD officers' misconduct? If there are any such "patterns or practices," what role has the alleged failures by LAPD management to properly train, supervise, and monitor LAPD officers had on the need for a consent decree?

Our initial review of the proposed consent decree has raised numerous

questions as well. Even if there is a basis for it, some provisions of the decree appear to go beyond its stated and intended purpose. Accordingly, we are continuing to very clearly state that the continuing exclusion of the League from this case will certainly exacerbate the problem because it deprives the League of its interest in properly assessing the probable outcome of the proposed consent decree on the wages, hours and other working conditions of LAPD officers. Because disposition of DOJ claims by way of a consent decree without agreement from the League will impair the ability of the League to protect that interest, the League has at least as much right as the City to legally challenge the factual and legal bases of DOJ's allegations.

We will keep you informed of significant future developments in this very important case. In the meantime, rest assured that the League will not sit idly by and allow the proposed consent decree to be rammed down our throats.

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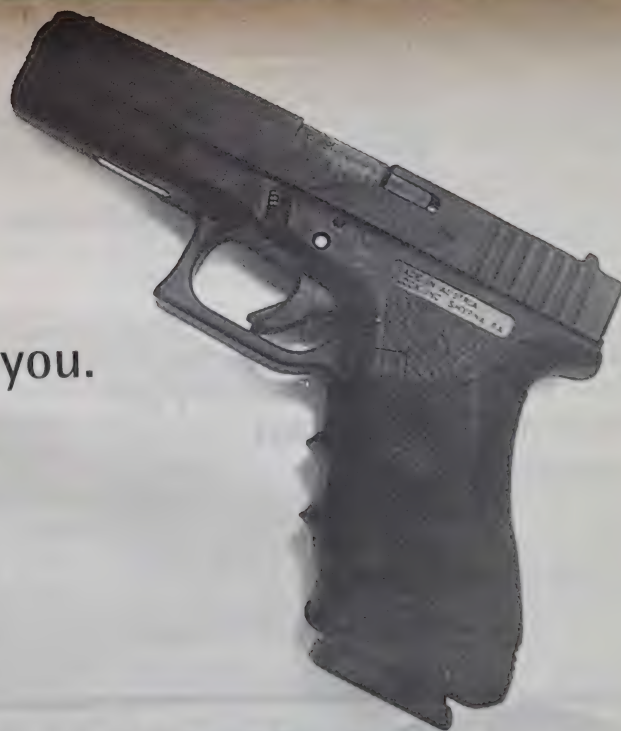
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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"
—John Donne

July 1, 2000

It has finally happened to you. You are the subject of a personnel complaint. A couple of gang members beefed you and after a short investigation your captain sustained the allegations and sent you to a Board of Rights. You suspect that it was largely because you had driven through Rampart once and that was enough of a connection to lump you in with all of the other officers also heading towards Boards of Rights as a result of the current hysteria, but why you are going is not as relevant as what you have to do now.

First, you call down to the Officer Representation Section to get a defense representative. A short time later, you have somebody that is on your side. You meet with your defense representative and the process of preparing for your Board of Rights begins. Your defense rep advises you to not waive time and get in front of a Board as quickly as possible. You only have thirty days before your paycheck stops. You wonder how you will make your house and car payment. What will happen to your wife and kids? You refuse to waive time. You can't afford to. Nevertheless, the Advocate's schedule is heavy and a continuance is granted by the Board. Since the continuance was not caused by you, after being without pay for thirty days, your pay starts again for another thirty days.

Within that thirty days, your Board is completed. You are found guilty and terminated, but your defense representative advises you that the Board improperly excluded some evidence that would have cleared you. He advises you to obtain a legal opinion to see if there are grounds for a writ to the Superior Court. You order your free transcript of the Board of Rights testimony.

When the transcript is ready, you take it to an attorney. The attorney examines the transcript and forms the opinion that your defense representative is correct. She files an appeal and a couple of months later, a judge agrees with her and restores you to your job with back pay.

After all of this, you are ready to resume your assignment. You go back to work and keep your nose to the grindstone. You are vaguely aware that the Department is trying to change the Charter in regard to police discipline. You do not pay much attention to it. Politics is not your thing.

July 1, 2001

You are shocked. The Department has ordered you to a Board of Rights for the same charges that you had previously spent almost a year defeating. They claim to have new evidence. This is double jeopardy, you cry! Sorry, you are told, the double jeopardy provision was deleted from the new Charter that has

just been passed under "police reform." You can be tried again based on what the Department considers to be new evidence.

You run to the phone to call up the defense representative who handled your previous Board of Rights. There is no answer. You search the Department phone book. There is no Officer Representation Section to be found! The new Charter has eliminated the Officer Representation Section. There are no more defense reps. You still have the right to representation, but you must pay for it yourself.

You search for a representative and finally find a retired officer with some experience in Boards of Rights. By maxing out your Mastercard, you hire a representative. Again, the Advocate needs more time because of his busy schedule. Over your objection, the Board is again continued, but this time, you are informed, there will be no second thirty days of pay. The new Charter section has changed that.

This new Board of Rights excludes the same evidence that cleared you in the first Board. Again, you are found guilty and terminated.

You schedule an appointment with the same attorney who filed the writ that reinstated you last year. You ask the Department for your free transcript. Sorry, you are told, the new Charter section has eliminated the right to a free transcript. You are told to contact the court reporter and order it yourself. You do. They require that you pay several thousand dollars in advance. You don't have it, your Mastercard has already been maxed. Without the transcript, the attorney is helpless to assess your case.

You are fired. You wish you had paid more attention to politics.

Something Evil This Way Comes

The Department, by employing enough lies and misrepresentations to send an entire division of P-2's to Boards of Rights, managed to get a Charter change on the November ballot. The League was able to get the proposed changes postponed until the April election of next year.

If the Department is successful, the above story will literally come true. No more defense representatives, no more free transcripts, no second thirty days of pay if the Department is the cause of a continuance, no more double jeopardy. And that is not all.

The one year statute of limitations during which the Department must

bring charges against an officer will have some exceptions. If the act of misconduct is the subject of a criminal investigation, the statute is tolled. If the investigation involves more than one employee, there will be a reasonable extension of the statute. If the accused employee is incapacitated or otherwise unavailable, the statute is extended. If the investigation involves a matter in civil litigation where the accused officer is named as a party, the statute is extended. If the accusation involves worker's compensation fraud, the statute is extended. If the accused officer's Skelly response results in additional investigation, the statute is extended. It will turn out that the real exception will be finding a case that does not fit under one of the exceptions.

And, of course, as you now well know, no transfers and no promotions while you have a personnel complaint investigation pending. What could previously have tied you down for a maximum of a year, can now last several years.

In addition, the admissibility of "pattern of conduct" evidence will not only include past acts, but will now include future acts. The Department can use acts alleged against you in the future to prove that you committed similar acts in the past. And finally, the protection provided in the current Charter prohibiting acts of retaliation against Board members for their decisions has been eliminated. Captains who fail to see the "big picture" better watch their backs.

The League is launching an all out effort to stop this travesty of justice, but the atmosphere created by the Perer scandal makes everything more difficult. Hear the warning bells and pay attention to the politics, your career may depend on it.

Message to the Class of 5-70

Remember "Elegy for a Pig?" I, quite by accident, watched this Adam 12 rerun last week, and there doing jumping jacks with Malloy in the Academy scene was the Class of 5-70. Awash with nostalgia, I resolved to try and arrange a little thirty year reunion. The reach of the *Thin Blue Line* might put me in a position of advantage to reach some of our classmates that live on chicken farms in Utah. Any of my classmates out there, please call me at the League or E-mail me at warningbells@aol.com and I will put a list together. Maybe we can do something up at the Academy in November.

Be legally careful out there.

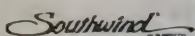


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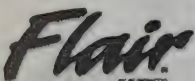
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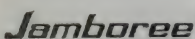
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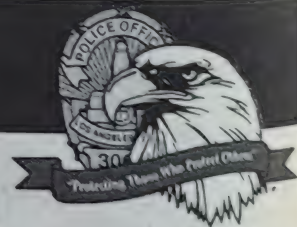
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Another True Cop Story

A police officer in Montreal, Marc St. Germaine, celebrating the end of his BREATHALYZER TRAINING course, consumed eight drinks and then drove some fellow officers home at more than twice the speed limit, hit an oncoming truck, and killed all four of them. He lived through and was sentenced to two years in jail.

Worse yet, it wasn't his entire fault. The officers were horsing around. One officer in the back seat was putting his hands over St. Germaine's eyes, another was yanking his seat belt, and yet another was playing the siren to the rhythm of the car radio.

Carol Cureton

Dear Protective League Officer:

In case you missed this article by Mr. Wachtel in today's Times, I have provided the above hyperlink.

Mr. Wachtel is right on the money. The numbers game should go and top brass who can't manage without resorting to it should go as well.

Mr. Wachtel provides the kind of clear thinking that should be represented on the Police Commission Task Force. We need more of his perspective represented in reviewing the Rampart scandal than that of the "Bull Dog Lawyers" who seem to proliferate every pore of city government. What we don't need is the lawyers from the DOJ to instruct us in local reform. Please do all you can to oppose this intrusion on our right to Home Rule.

Sincerely,
Stephen Downing
Deputy Chief, LAPD (Ret.)

Dear Dennis:

It depresses me to no end to see ads for other police departments in the *Blue Line*. I consider it insulting to LAPD and at odds with your stated wish to better the LAPD. It detracts from the quality of the *Blue Line* in my opinion. In general I think the *Blue Line* does a fine job of covering the whole department and providing coverage of sports and other department activities. It will come as no surprise to you that I deplore the anti-management bias that runs through the

Blue Line but I think I understand it. That does not justify running ads for other departments, which makes our profession out to be just a job and demeans the position of police officer.

George Beck

Police Harassment

The question from some "citizen" on a police Web site:

I would like to know how it is possible for police officers to harass people and get away with it? Where can you go for help other than a civil attorney?

The reply should be:

It is not easy. In California we average one cop for every 2,000 people. About 60% of those cops are on patrol, where we do most of the harassing. In that only a fifth of that 60% are on duty at any moment and available for harassing people. So, one on-duty cop is responsible to harass about 10,000 residents. When you toss in the commercial, business, and tourist locations that attract people from other areas, sometimes you have a situation where a single cop is responsible to harass 20K or more people a day.

A ten-hour shift runs 36,000 seconds. This gives a cop one second to harass a person, and three-fourths of a second to eat a donut AND find a new person to harass. This is not an easy task. Most cops are not up to it day in, day out. It is just too tiring. What we do is utilize some tools to help us narrow down who we harass. They are as follows:

PHONE: People will call us up and point out things that cause us to focus on a person for special harassment. "My neighbor is beating his wife" is a phrase we accept. Then we come out and give special harassment. Another popular one on week nights is "The kids next door are having a party."

CARS: We have special cops assigned to harass people who drive. They like to harass the drivers of fast cars, cars blasting music, cars with expired registration tabs and the like. It is lots of fun when you pick them out of traffic for nothing more obvious than running a red light. Sometimes you get to really heap the harassment on when you find they have drugs in the car, are drunk, or have a warrant.

RUNNERS: Some people take off running just at the sight of a police. Nothing is quite as satisfying as running after them like a beagle on the scent of a bunny. When you catch them, you can harass them for hours.

CODES: When you can think of nothing else to do, there are books that give ideas for reasons to harass folks. They are called Codes. Vehicle, Health and Safety, Business and Professions. They all spell out all sorts of things for which you can really mess with people. After you read the code, you can just drive around for a while until you find someone violating one of these listed offenses and harass them. Just last week I saw a guy smash a car window. Well, the code says that is not allowed. That meant I got to harass this guy.

It is a pretty cool system that we have set up, and it works pretty well. It seems to have a never-ending supply of folks to harass. And we get away with it because the good citizens who pay the tab actually appreciate us. We keep the streets safe for them.

Next time you are in my town, give me a single finger wave. That is a signal that you wish for me to take a little closer look at you and maybe find a reason to harass you.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Officer Friendly

Hi Dennis,

I contacted you concerning your article. You're absolutely dead on. I worked CRASH and hard charged and made arrests and had high recap. Now I have three 1.28s pending, false allegations, of course, a shooting. I got ***** for saving the lives of my partners and citizens that were seriously in imminent danger. I can't transfer, I can't promote, can't go to Metro, standing by and saving money for the suspension coming down the pipe for the shooting. Hopefully the Petersen Law firm will succeed in their efforts in helping me. Needless to say I don't do proactive obs work anymore. For what? So I can get kicked by the sys. The sys doesn't like officers like me. I have a family and house to take care of. I'm not going to lose that. I'm currently in the process with another *****. I can't wait to leave. I love the LAPD and I love being a cop here, but I can't do what I swore to do, so I'll go to an org that will let me.

Thank you for all the hard work and support.

A frustrated LAPD officer,
(Name Withheld)

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END OF WATCH



NAME: William D. Peret #5141
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Central Jail
BORN: January 21, 1922
APPOINTED: November 24, 1947
RETIRED: February 8, 1968
DIED: July 16, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Wilford D. Knapp #5636
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor Detectives
BORN: February 10, 1920
APPOINTED: May 26, 1948
RETIRED: September 10, 1968
DIED: July 31, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Albert L. James #3238
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Frauds
BORN: November 5, 1916
APPOINTED: January 16, 1946
RETIRED: November 14, 1961
DIED: August 11, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Theron M. Jackson #11309
RANK: Sergeant II
ASSIGNED TO: CID
BORN: September 21, 1935
APPOINTED: October 29, 1962
RETIRED: July 2, 1989
DIED: August 15, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: James G. McDermott #4517
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Communications
BORN: March 15, 1925
APPOINTED: April 21, 1947
RETIRED: January 29, 1968
DIED: August 18, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Albert T. Boswell #0201
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: DHD
BORN: September 22, 1907
APPOINTED: March 1, 1938
RETIRED: July 13, 1966
DIED: August 21, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Rex Hopkins #10093
RANK: Detective I
ASSIGNED TO: OCID
BORN: August 16, 1935
APPOINTED: May 5, 1958
RETIRED: April 11, 1987
DIED: August 22, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Sanford S. Hansen, Jr. #12753
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Pacific
BORN: June 22, 1944
APPOINTED: April 25, 1966
RETIRED: July 2, 1988
DIED: August 23, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Lester A. Jones #4464
RANK: Policeman II
ASSIGNED TO: 77th
BORN: October 17, 1921
APPOINTED: April 7, 1947
RETIRED: April 13, 1977
DIED: August 31, 2000

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sanford "Sandy" Stanton Hansen II, #12753

June 22, 1944 to August 23, 2000

Sandy's wife, Barbara, and sons, Sandy III and Cody, request the presence of Sandy's former partners, friends and colleagues at a memorial service to honor him on Saturday, October 28, 2000, in Carbondale, Colorado.

Sandy died August 23, 2000, in St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado after staging a gallant but unsuccessful fight against a lung disease.

Cards and letters can be sent to Barbara Hansen, 319 Crystal Road, Carbondale, CO 81623.

A second memorial service will be held next summer in Torrance, California. Please contact Jim Dahl (310-335-0181) or Chuck Patriarca (310-379-0903) for details of both services.

Thank you,
Jim Dahl, #13907 (Ret.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor

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Hello Dennis,

I just have a quick concern. I have been a Police Officer for the LAPD for the past three years. I love my job and I would not trade it for anything in the world. However, recently it has been tuff as you know. I am assigned to work the DNC, Valley Mobile Field Force Squad-2. I am glad I am going and I think the Department will come out on top, no thanks to our management and command staff. We are expected to work ten 14-hour plus days in over 100+ weather. Our supervisors were advised by experienced officers that our normal class-c uniform would be useless in a riot-type situation due to the fact that they are made of wool. If tear gas is deployed during the DNC, or chemicals were tossed on officers by rioters, the uniforms could never be cleaned. Our supervisors came up with a simple solution—every officer in the squad purchase cotton (BDUs) uniforms with the appropriate Department-approved patches. These uniforms are authorized for CRASH and specialized units within the Department. Realizing that these uniforms could be easily washed at home and ready to wear the next day, along with being much more comfortable to wear, the whole Valley Squad quickly went out and purchased these cotton uniforms. This cost approximately \$200 for two sets with patches.

As of two days ago, Chief Parks will not allow us to wear our cotton uniforms that we had purchased. Does he care that these protestors have thrown urine, chemicals, and other foreign substances at officers during past demonstrations in Seattle, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia? Does he know one of their tactics is to spray gasoline at officers while another protestor has a match in hand? ATD Division knows how these protestors arm themselves with tiki torches which can launch a flame at an officer from 10 feet away. Has the Chief asked any firefighters how wool uniforms do in fire situations?

If the Chief won't listen to ATD, Metro, SWAT, experienced officers, Fire Department staff, and other agencies, who will he listen to? Maybe I should e-mail Mr. Perez. The Chief might take his word and we might get to wear a uniform that may keep us alive and keep us cool.

These uniforms that we all purchased also have large side pockets where we could easily store much-needed water and food along with medical supplies.

I wish I could ask the Chief who is going to pay for my class-c uniforms when they get ruined during the DNC. I don't think we are asking a lot. Other Departments are equipped with riot shields, padded exterior gear, large canisters of OC, longer batons, during these types of demonstrations.

One last thought . . . Will Chief Parks be on the front skirmish line with his men like the Chief of Washington, D.C.? I doubt it.

(Name Withheld)

Hello,

We are gendarmes THILMANY Jean-Yves and Violaine. We are police officers of the French National Gendarmerie and are assigned to the Gendarmerie squad of SAINT CYR SUR MER on the Riviera.

We send this message on the counsel of one of your agents with LAPD ON LINE.

We are in the search of a collector of patches in your services. It would seem that there is a magazine within the LAPD. It would be possible to transmit our message to the people possibly interested for exchanges.

Gendarmes Jean-Yves et Violaine THILMANY
Brigade de Gendarmerie
41 chemin des Pradeaux
83270 SAINT CYR SUR MER
FRANCE
(translation made by computer)

(Editor's Note: The facts reported by Hank Hernandez were provided by representatives from the city during MOU negotiations. So our question is, were they lying then or are they lying now?)

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to a *Blue Line* article written by Hank Hernandez, "Mission Impossible (Turning the Department Around)" and published in the August, 2000, edition. I am concerned at the inaccuracy Mr. Hernandez portrayed by stating "over 900 LAPD officers have resigned from the Department since January."

From January 1, 2000, through July 31, 2000, there were a total of 389 officers who have left the Department. This number includes retirements, res-

ignations, and terminations. Two hundred and fifteen of the 389 were service and disability retirements. Of the remaining 174, 104 have been regular resignations, 70 recruit resignations, and zero probationary resignations, that is 511 less than was reported by Mr. Hernandez. The average years of service at retirement is 27.5 years.

As you stated in your article, Mr. Hernandez, we do need to "start effectively communicating." However, that cannot be accomplished by inaccurately misrepresenting facts as you have done in this article. It is not "effective communication" seeking inaccurate information to influence the attitude and state of mind of those you are being paid to inform and represent.

Very truly yours,
Bernard C. Parks
Chief of Police

Betty P. Kelepecz, Commander
Personnel Group
Human Resources Bureau

Dear Ted,

Congratulations upon completing the recent negotiations and successfully attaining a significant pay increase for the officers you represent.

I also extend my sincere congratulations to the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department for the exemplary job they did during the Democratic National Convention. They handled difficult and volatile events in a most professional, effective and efficient manner.

Sincerely,
Michael S. Carona
Sheriff-Coroner
County of Orange, California

Detective III/Sgt. Joseph J. Farrell, #7003

by Det. II Mike Farrell,
West Traffic Division

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during our time of grief. Over the past year-and-a-half, my mother, Dolores, my sister, Lisa, and my father, retired Det. III/Sgt. Joseph Farrell, passed away after losing their battles with cancer.

I want to personally thank all the retired policemen who were my father's friends and former partners. Guys like Milt Porterfield, Bob Rodher, Bob Arnold, Mike Dwyer, Buck Pierce, Dave Warren, Charlie Purkey, Bob Parker, Ron Rouse, and Charlie Collins are just a few names that come to mind. Thanks for calling and visiting my father during his time of grief and for supporting him while he fought his own battle with kidney cancer. Catching up with his old friends, and just "shooting the breeze" really lifted my dad's spirits during this difficult time. On occasion, I was fortunate enough to be there when you came by. This afforded me the honor of hearing those classic war stories about my father's exploits as the legendary PT instructor from the Academy (1958-1963). I will miss seeing the expressions on my father's face whenever you referred to him as the meanest, toughest instructor the Academy ever had. One of the most common accolades I heard was, "Your ol' man ran faster backwards than we could run forward. He's an animal!" I will miss the stories about the "old days" when he worked the 5th Street footbeat cleaning up the local Indian bars and filling up the B-Wagon.

Although my father retired four months before I graduated from the Academy, I was fortunate enough to meet and work with some of the men he put on the job. Guys like Lee Kingsford, Bill Selesky, Tom Ferris, Jack Giroud, Maurice Moore, Bud McDonald, and Glen Varner. It was Glen who told me one of the best stories about my dad. Throughout his 27-year career, Glen sported a flat top haircut, which he directly attributed to my father. Glen said that when he reported to Police Academy on the first day, he had what he thought was a regulation haircut. However, when Glen stood inspection in front of my father for PT, my dad looked Glen up and down, stared at him square in the face and barked, "Get that mop cut off." Scared to death and still shaking in his jock, Glen went to a barber-shop that very afternoon and got a flat top haircut just like my dad's. Ever since that day, Glen wore a flat top.

In the summer of 1979, I was going through my background investigation for the job. I remember meeting with the background investigator for the first time. My dad was working on the first floor as the D-III in Missing Persons, and I had to go up to the fifth floor for my interview. During the interview, the investigator, Officer Blair, asked me, "Ever smoke any dope?" I replied with a confident, "No, sir, never." Blair suspiciously remarked, "You have got to be kidding. You're 20 years old, you live at the beach, and you mean to tell me you never tried smoking pot? Come on." I replied, "That's right, and if I had, my father would have kicked my ass." "Oh yeah, who's your father?" Blair inquired. "Joe Farrell," I answered. "Joe Farrell? Your dad is Joe Farrell from the



The P.T. Staff are identified (L to R) first, my father, Joe Farrell, Bob Reed, Bob Kopp, and Ken Fahey.

Academy who works downstairs? That Joe Farrell?" "Yes, sir," I replied. At that point Blair stared at me, jotted down a few notes and stated, "I believe you."

I want to thank all the officers and civilian personnel at West Traffic Division, Pacific Area, and Operations West Bureau for their never-ending support. I especially want to thank my friend and partner, Det. Mike Fischer. In August of 1996, Mike invited my father and me to climb Mount Whitney along with himself and another required policeman. In doing so, Mike gave my father the opportunity to revisit his days of good health and physical strength. My father welcomed the challenge and cherished the memory of climbing to the top of the highest mountain in the continuous United States. And ever since, he respected Mike and considered him a friend.

I also want to thank Rampart Area Captain Kevin McCarthy, and Pacific Area Detective Tom Vettraino for their compassion throughout my family's ordeal. Both Kevin and Tom spoke to my father, mother and sister before they passed away. In fact, Kevin and Tom

stood vigil at my father's house on the weekend he died.

On July 12th, my father's 70th birthday, his ashes long with the ashes of my mother and sister, were scattered at sea off Redondo Beach. Since my father was a United States Marine, I played a recording of the Marine Corps Hymn while younger brother Tim released his ashes onto the ocean's surface. As the Hymn played, the ashes quickly slipped below the surface, only to fade away to reunite with the ashes my mother and sister that were scattered before him.

My father was proud to have been a United States Marine and a Los Angeles Policeman. At the beginning of my career, he instilled upon me to respect the veterans and not to get salty or badge heavy. "Use your common sense, listen, and you'll stay alive." I always believed my father would be alive when I retired. I dreamed of both of us sitting at the beach, sipping cocktails, and collecting our pensions. But God needed my father to be with my mother and sister. However, as the famous saying goes, the Marine Corps will live forever, therefore, Joe Farrell lives forever. ♦

Zine

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deployment. In a one week period of time, the Associate Organization leaders raised over \$20,000 and coordinated a grand food festival for all to enjoy. Leading the charge for this event was Bobbie Parks, the wife of Chief Bernard Parks. Bobbie was at the early morning meetings along with the rest



photo by Dennis P. Zine
Art Gomez, Bobbie Parks and Dennis Ballas at the Officers Support Celebration.

of us working on the project. We all pitched in and did our share to make the event the huge success it was. The no-cost event to LAPD employees and their families was completely underwritten by the donations we raised.

We had In 'N Out burgers, carnitas, Cha Cha Cha, Guiliano's sandwiches, Domino's pizza, AltaDena milk products, Chinese food, donuts, ice cream and cookies. The kids were entertained by a jumping room and face painting. Thousands of LAPD employees enjoyed the day-long event which began at 1030 hours and concluded at 2000 hours. The Associate Organizations are planning

our next free event for the LAPD family. Stay tuned.

The following Associate Organizations participated in this event:
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Bobbie Parks, Chris Zine and Chris Arce.

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Officers enjoying the day's festivities.

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Thank You to Those Businesses and Individuals That Helped Us During the DNC

I am compiling a list of businesses and individuals that provided complimentary food, refreshments or other items to our members during the DNC



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The Los Angeles Police Department Employee Associations would like to thank the following organizations for their generous continued support to this appreciation luncheon.

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We thank you all for your support!

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deployment. The League will be recognizing those businesses and individuals with League resolutions. If you have information on a business or individual

that provided complimentary food, refreshments or other items to our troops during the DNC deployment, please contact me with the information so we can recognize them for their support.

We will also be publishing their names in the *Blue Line* to show our appreciation for their assistance.

Debby in the Ditch

It was a beautiful planned 5-day Harley Davidson trip to the wine country of Northern California coordinated by Motor Officer Daryl Hinson of Traffic Coordination Section, Special Enforcement Section. We all gathered on a Sunday morning at 5:00 a.m. for the long ride to Napa, California. We

arrived safely and enjoyed the first few days of drinking wine and Margaritas and eating great food. Then disaster struck as we rode along a narrow country road. A big truck was coming toward us and attempted to avoid two bicycle riders he was passing. The truck crossed the double yellow line and Phil Dudley, in an attempt to avoid a head-on collision with the truck, took evasive action. The movement caused Phil and his wife Debby to crash. They hit the roadway and began grinding their bodies into the asphalt. Emergency personnel were summoned while Denise Hinson, the nurse wife of Daryl and an off-duty paramedic driving down the road provided first aid. The ambulance arrived and treated the injured couple. While the serious injuries did not turn out to be critical, we all learned a good lesson. When riding on trips in the country, you need a first aid kit and the training to use it. Thank God we had Denise and the off-duty paramedic who are trained to render proper aid.

We will all be riding our Harleys a little safer in the future.

Dates to Remember

Remember to VOTE for League Directors. You will be receiving a ballot in the mail at your home during the first week in October. All you have to do is mark your ballot and return it in the postage paid envelope.

Please VOTE. Your vote does matter and does counts.



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Phil and Debby Dudley being treated after motorcycle crash.

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Without dragging this letter on too long, I would like to try to help anyone who has been through the Workers' Compensation system with Firm Solutions or Cambridge and was not pleased with the process. If enough of you respond, we may have

an affect on the Workers' Compensation system. Please contact me, even if your case has settled, at my e-mail address SCOOTEROIC@aol.com or you can page me at (805) 499-8469 (numeric only) for further information.

Thank you,
Scott Landsman

POLITICAL FRONTLINE



Special to The Thin Blue Line

by Councilwoman
Cindy Miscikowski
Chair, Public Safety Committee

For four days in August, Los Angeles put on its best face for the nation to see, as an estimated 35,000 reporters and delegates flocked to Los Angeles for the quadrennial Democratic National Convention.

It had been 40 years since the Democrats last convened in Los Angeles, meeting in 1960 at the Sports Arena to nominate the charismatic young Massachusetts senator, John F. Kennedy.

But the venue is not the only thing that has changed in the intervening four decades; along with America's loss of political innocence, begun by the assassination of the man nominated in Los Angeles and continued by our Vietnam-era disillusionment, has come a whole new brand of politics, and expectations about how the political game will be played which are not at all clear.

Massive demonstrations in metropolitan streets are now a concern, and the injuries and property damage which have recently accompanied them are perceived, in law enforcement circles, as perhaps the inevitable consequence of public political dissent in these politically cynical times, and on that is unacceptable.

Few members of the Los Angeles Police Department are still around to recall how the city prepared for 1960's convention, and Department records of that vintage have been either destroyed or placed in deep storage. In that simpler age, though—four years before the Tonkin Gulf Resolution which steered America into the Vietnam War and gave birth to an era of mass demonstrations—it's a safe bet that the complexity of logistics involved in planning how to police the 1960 Convention paled in comparison with today's.

So though there may be no local historical barometer to measure the Los Angeles Police Department's preparations for the DNC, by any objective measurement those preparations have been a striking success.

Almost a year in advance of the convention, Department leadership had secured office space downtown and had established a working group with agencies like the Secret Service, the County Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol and the National Guard. Together, these agencies prepared maps, reviewed security measures for large events, assessed what strategies would work and which would not. They were planning how to keep the convention open and accessible for delegates, guarantee the delegates' safety while traveling to the convention from all parts of the city, continue to provide safety for residents, ensure the news media's ability to do its job and provide demonstrators with the ability to communicate their message to the delegates, the media and anyone who wanted to hear what they had to say.

As they made their preparations, a worst-case scenario of what might happen in a large convention environment surfaced at Seattle's World Trade Conference of 1999 and at a Washington, D.C. conference in the Spring.

At both events, entirely new groups of protestors, championing themes not on the political horizon in 1960, made their presence felt, demonstrating opposition to every cause from corporate greed and manipulation to runaway technology, from gay rights to fair treatment for bus riders. Joining in this loose but effective coalescing of causes were black-clad bands of anarchists, their faces sheathed, intent on disrupting the con-

ventions themselves, blocking streets, vandalizing property and defying authority to the point of intentional arrest. Repeated serious injuries and mounting property damage testified to the seriousness of their intents and pointed to police forces insufficiently prepared to thwart their plans and to maintain order.

It is self-evident now, in retrospect, that no matter how skillful Los Angeles Police Department leadership was in drafting a plan, the success depended entirely on the actions of the rank and file officers called on to carry them out. The fact that no convention-related deaths or serious injuries occurred between August 14 and 17, that the heavy vandalism which plagued both Seattle and Philadelphia were absent in Los Angeles, that the delegates were provided unfettered and secure access to all convention sessions and that the protection from crime offered to residents of the city was uncompromised by convention deployment is strong testimony to both the overall planning and how the officers on the streets of L.A. carried it out.

Throughout the convention, I observed officers on the streets and parade routes, at Pershing Square and from the remote parking areas for the Staples Center. In all these situations they had to stand, often in formation for long hours, in hot summer weather, wearing riot gear and woolen uniforms, subject to the taunts, and sometimes worse, of protestors, the impatience of people leaving Staples who were diverted to safe passage blocks away from their intended routes, and to unending questions.

Under these circumstances the performance of these officers was remarkable and reflected credit on the Department and the city.

As Chair of the City Council's Public Safety Committee, I know well the many hours of tactical training and preparation that each officer underwent to make possible a peaceful and orderly Democratic National Convention. I want to offer my congratulations both to the Department's DNC Planning Group, in particular Commander Tom Lorenzen, for the huge effort they put into developing the guidelines for a peaceful convention and to all the officers on the street whose patience, calm demeanor, professionalism and good judgment turned those guidelines into reality.

The value of the feeling of security which their hard work made possible for residents and visitors alike, as well as the freedom to participate in political dissent which their forbearance assured for the demonstrators, cannot be overstated. Los Angeles's star shines brighter now, and in large measure that is due to the officers of the Los Angeles Police Department.

My lasting image: As I left Staples at the convention's conclusion, along with a stream of delegates and other attendees, two delegates were taking their final pictures of the event. There they stood, between two LAPD officers, with each delegate wearing the riot gear of the officers and their arms around each other. That picture captured the moment, the appreciation and the success.

Prison Guard President Talks to Delegates

by Ted Hunt

In September, League Delegates were addressed by Don Novey, the President of the California Correctional Peace Officer's Association (CCPOA) that represents approximately 30,000 prison guards or correctional officers. Novey told the LAPD union leaders how it bothers him to see the proud LAPD officers pounded over and over by politicians and the media. He explained to the LAPD Delegates not only how important it is to build political power, but how to build it.

When Novey took over as the president of the union around 20 years ago, correctional officers were among the lowest paid of all State workers and there was almost no consideration for the safety, protection and well-being of the men and women who walk the "toughest beat in the State."

But today, CCPOA is the most powerful union in California and one of the most significant nationwide. They are among the best paid State employees and significant advances have

been made toward improving their safety and well-being. What was it that brought the prison guard association from a position of virtually no power to its influential standing of today?

Novey told the Delegates that the most significant thing that the League could do to restore our pride in LAPD and to get the things we want such as pension improvements, flexible scheduling and changes to discipline is to collect a lot of PAC money and then spend it strategically and wisely. He complimented the strategies and hard work of the League's PAC, but without money, Novey said the League will always be reactive and not proactive.

The soft-spoken Novey said that for every dollar a League member contributes to the political action committee the return will be 100-fold. "Investing a PAC," Novey said, "is investing in your future." He went on to explain that the proof is CCPOA, once shunned by the power brokers is now in a position to make a difference for CCPOA members and they DO make a difference.

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The City of Cerritos is seeking interested candidates for the newly created position of Crime Analyst. Under the supervision of the Director of Community and Safety Services, the Crime Analyst will track City and regional crime and traffic patterns, prepare maps, charts and graphs, and present event and trend data and intelligence at each week's crime control meeting. The Analyst will present crime trend information at quarterly neighborhood watch block captain meetings, and will work with the City's Community Mobilization Officer to use crime data and intelligence to develop crime prevention strategies.

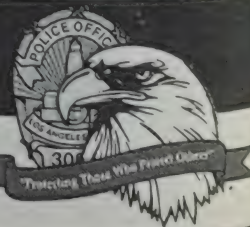
The ideal candidate will have a background in municipal law enforcement that includes criminal investigation experience. Expertise in the use of investigative databases and mapping software is also desirable.

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PO II, Benjamin Perez #33573

Officer McMahon and his partner Lara responded to a 211 just occurred investigation, see the delivery at "Dominos", victim of a 211. Officers just arrived along with 18A1 (Shipstad/Garcia). Officers immediately began interviewing the two victims. The victims advised that they responded to the area of 617 W. 92nd Street to drop off a pizza order. Once at the location they were flagged down by a male Black. The victims felt that something was wrong so they began to drive away from the location. The male Black then shouted "Wait!" and then ran up to the passenger's side of the vehicle. The suspect robbed both victims and took the pizza and coke as well. During the interview, the victims stated that they could identify the suspect if they saw him again.

Officers responded to the area where the robbery had occurred. No one was outside but a few young children. Officer McMahon asked the kids where the suspects went who robbed the pizza guys. The children pointed and stated that the

suspects had run to the rear of 609 W. 92nd Street. Officers responded to the above location and heard a lot of noise coming from the rear unit. They detained several possible suspects from inside and outside of the unit. The officers conducted a field show up with the victims that resulted in subject Johnie Wells being identified as the suspect with the gun. The victims indicated that there were actually two suspects involved with the robbery. The victims did not identify any of the other suspects detained as being involved with the robbery.

McMahon, Lara, Marullo and Perez cleared the residence and did not locate any additional suspects. While inside the officers did observe half-empty pizzas and half drunk cokes. The owner of the house responded and after talking with McMahon agreed to have the officers search her residence for the weapon. The officers located three handguns, a shotgun and rifle along with a multitude of ammunition. Officers also located thirty dollars of the victim's money.

Officers completed a solid investigation, which led to Wells writing out a signed statement of the crime, and they completed a concise report documenting the facts of the incident.

Officers are to be commended for investigative skills, attention to duty, tenacity and tactics during this incident. Their hard work led to the arrest of a violent suspect and confiscation of five deadly weapons.

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Southeast Division

PO II, Samuel Marullo #33567
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On May 25, 2000 at 1730 hours, unit 18X11 (Marullo/B. Perez) were working in the area of 100 block of W. 104th St. The officers were patrolling this particular area in Southeast because of the recent gang-related shootings and homicides.

The officers observed driver of a blue Dodge Intrepid, 4-door license #4JYX635 driving without a front license plate and fail to stop for a posted stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted at 143-147 W. 104th St. on the three occupants in the vehicle. The officers located two plastic cups in the center console of the vehicle, containing an alcoholic beverage. The occupants exited from the vehicle and were detained pending the investigation.

During the investigation, Marullo noticed a tattoo on one of the suspect's (Ferguson) right forearm of "5Duce" and recognized the tattoo to symbolize a South-Central Crips Gang (52nd St Hoover Crips/52nd St Broadway Gangster Crips). Marullo and B. Perez were aware of several recent threats of violence, drive-by shootings and a murder possibly involving those two gangs. Marullo also recognized a large

bulge on the right side of Ferguson's waistband and noticed he displayed several signs that he was concealing an item (moving side-to-side, hiding behind one of the other suspects, etc...). Marullo searched Ferguson and recovered a loaded .40 caliber Glock pistol from the right waistband. Ferguson was arrested for 12031 (A)(1)PC.

Officers then recovered three plastic baggies containing several large off-white rocks resembling cocaine (50.50 GG) and three plastic baggies containing a green leafy substance resembling marijuana, 8.53 GG, from Ferguson. There was also a large amount of currency, \$2060.77, recovered from Ferguson and booked as evidence. The susp made statements to possessing the handgun and the narcotics during the arrest. Ferguson was re-arrested for 11370.1 H&S (Possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm). The officers then completed a thorough, well-written arrest report.

Officer Marullo and Officer B. Perez are to be commended for attention to duty and their response to recent FASTRAC-related gang crimes in their area. The officers are also commended for their thorough investigation and report writing skills. Officers Marullo and B. Perez took a dangerous and armed gang member off the streets making Southeast Area a safer place to live, work or visit.



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A Call for Assistance

by Robert and
Marie von Voigt

Anyone with children knows how difficult they are to raise, yet the rewards outweigh the difficulties. However, the challenges in raising your child changes when your child has a disability. Autism is a different type of disability. We know that autism affects that part of the brain that processes response, socialization, communication, and interaction. Let me introduce you to Jake, our son. Jake was diagnosed with autism in 1996 and is now six years old. Because of early intervention, we have seen great improvement and progress in his daily life, yet the one thing that we are having difficulty with is his fascination in exploring the world without fear.

Jake is known as a runner. An autistic runner will escape the confines of a house or school and explore his surroundings. Jake goes through periods that all he thinks about is escaping and exploring. Alarms and double dead bolt locks haven't slowed him down. At his previous school, he was able to escape several times. The first time he escaped into the parking lot and was found wandering by a complete stranger who took his hand. Thank goodness this lady was honest and called the police. The second

time, Jake found his way out the door of the school and was found on top of a backhoe on a busy street. We have now taken every precaution to keep him safe at school and home yet sometimes he still isn't safe enough.

Because Jake is a non-verbal child who has limited communication skills, so yelling his name is not always the best thing since he cannot respond. After countless hours of Web surfing we realized part of the solution would be to get Jake a dog that can track, alarm-bark, protect, and search for him. I am talking about a K-9 police or service dog.

Our research revealed that Jake is not qualified for a "service dog." The main reason is that he needs to be able to interact with the dog to give the dog commands. Even if he were qualified, he would have to be the age of 10 to receive help from the countless organizations and foundations that deal with service dogs. Guide Dogs of America, PAWS, you name the organization and I've called them. Most of these organizations have never heard of a need for a dog for a child with autism. There is a need, the need to protect the safety of my autistic son and the countless other autistic children who are runners. My mission now is to have the dog we have obtained trained at a K-9 facility that deals with training specialty service dogs. I have found such a facility

in Anaheim. Andy Jimenez from FALCO Canine Academy (who is a current police K-9 handler and recognized expert) has tested our dog to see if she has the qualifications needed to do this type of training. The results were high. Our Labrador is only a year old now and needs to be a minimum of 16 months old before training can begin. "Boo" is getting close to that age. The cost to send Boo to the FALCO Canine Academy for four months costs a minimum of \$12,000 which does not include completing additional training for the rest of the year as well as teaching us the commands so Boo can stay sharp in her training.

I am also researching about how to start a fund-raiser to assist us in raising the funds needed for training Boo. I have contacted the local chapters of the Autism Society of America (ASA), as well as the LAPD Memorial Foundation. They have all given me great advice on how to make this materialize, but there is much more work to be done. If possible I would like to have a celebrity or two to assist with generating support. Coming

up with the kind of money necessary can be stressful especially when you know that if it doesn't get done, the goal to protecting the countless number of autistic runners will be unfulfilled. By completing this endeavor, I hope to help other families that have been overwhelmed with an autistic runner.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact us. Marie Bob von Voigt through Rick Wells at the League or Officer Andy Jimenez at (909) 522-7806 phone or www.falcok9academy.com at website address. Jake, Bob & I thank you for your time.

(Note: Bob and Marie Voigt asked me to help disseminate this information. They believe a solution is close at hand and like me, hope you'll be able to help. Bob is an active League Delegate and good friend. They have done everything humanly possible to accommodate Jake's special needs. I hope this article brings them closer to a solution. —Rick Wells.)



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Time in the Market vs. Timing the Market

by Brian Bradfield

With daily market fluctuations now commonplace, accurate market timing has become a near impossible task. Accordingly, today's investor should commit to a long-term investment strategy that addresses their individual goals.

Missing the Market

Jumping in and out of investments—or "market timing" does not work for most investors. Selling when the market moves down could mean missing periods when stocks recover. For example, the chart below shows returns of the S&P 500, a common measure of returns on large company stocks (large-caps). Money that had been fully invested in these stocks from January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1998, would have shown an average annual return of 16 percent. But investors who missed the 10 best days during the same time period would have lowered their return by more than four percent. Clearly, investors could pay heavy penalties for not being in the market for the best performing days.

an extended period of time and remains a true test for the long-term investor. Because it is nearly impossible to anticipate changes in the market over time, an investment portfolio should be properly positioned for constantly changing

money into bonds to take advantage of yields that may exceed stock returns. Despite these lower returns, it is wise for long-term investors to keep some portion of their assets in stocks to profit from recovery periods. Companies

opportunities to buy these high-quality stocks at a reduced price. Although it's virtually impossible to buy at the lowest price every time, patient investors usually reap the benefits of a recovery by buying on the dips and holding on despite the possibility of further market decline.

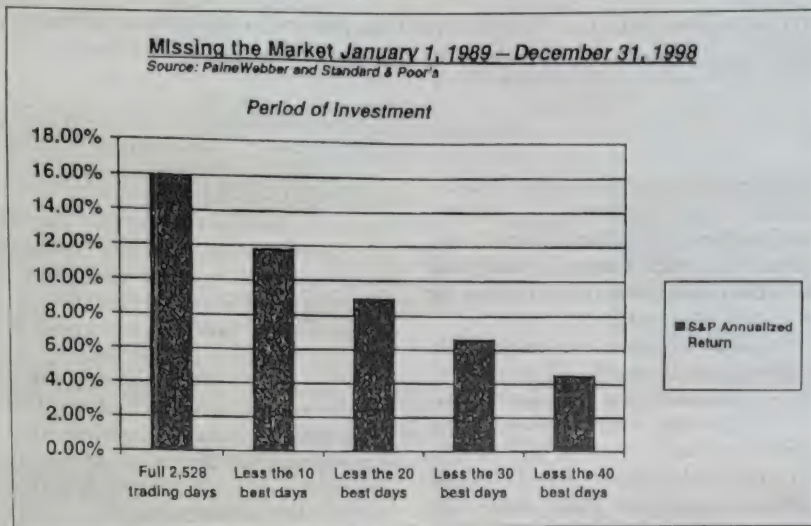
Conclusion

Given the convincing evidence, a "buy and hold" strategy appears to be the most profitable for the long-term investor. Despite the rational appeal of this approach, however, not all investors leave their money in a volatile market.

This disciplined strategy neglects to address the high level of emotion that often drives investment decisions. Even the most experienced investors may find it difficult to hold on during corrections as the value of their assets rapidly declines.

The important thing to remember is the long-term investor usually wins in the end. Although periods of decline in the market are inevitable, no one is capable of determining exactly when those periods will occur or when declining stocks will recover. Keys to successful long-term investing include setting strategic long-term goals and avoiding the temptation to sell simply because the market is down. Experienced investors are prepared for market fluctuations and will use periods of volatility to add to their long-term investment strategy.

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environments. Good investment strategies are designed to respond to market fluctuations.

During periods of high inflation, smart investors typically reduce their stock holdings and shift some of their

with solid long-term growth strategies will most likely rebound after periods of decline and those investors who hold on should benefit.

Buying on the Dips

During a down market, it is sometimes hard for investors to avoid selling everything. But, for long-term investors, market declines should actually be viewed as buying opportunities.

The enduring bull market of the 1990s caused several stocks to reach record highs. Corrections often provide

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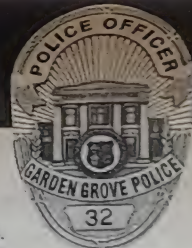
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OSHA Fines Portland, Oregon for Unsafe Police Radio System (from Oregonlive.com)

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division has fined the City of Portland \$3,600 for failures in its emergency radio dispatch system. Inspectors classified as serious five violations in which Portland police officers were unable to call for cover on their hand-held portable radios, unable to communicate with fellow officers responding to a call or unable to contact a dispatcher when stopping a suspect.

A complaint from Portland police sergeant Lonn Sweeney prompted state inspections in April and June, and the fine was issued this summer. Sweeney had sent numerous memos detailing the problems to the Portland Police Bureau and its chiefs during the past five years. He said he filed the complaint because he never got a response.

OR-OSHA, in its citation, identified three shortcomings that the city has not addressed and that demonstrate the system does not work effectively.

The first shortcoming it identified was not making the orange emergency button on officers' hand-held radios operational. The city purchased a radio system that would allow officers to press one button in case of an emergency, but it never has programmed the system for use.

The button would immediately override any other radio talk. Now, officers sometimes are forced to wait to speak or must switch to another frequency if someone is already speaking on the radio. If an officer was shot and wounded, for example, one press of the emergency button would alert dispatchers that the officer needed immediate help.

The city argues that a policy decision was made not to use the emergency buttons because they might be activated

accidentally, lock other channels from use and interfere with dispatch.

The second shortcoming OR-OSHA cited was not ensuring that officers have adequate radio communication capability in all areas of Portland.

The agency found that officers hit air-wave black holes in certain parts of the city, preventing them from calling for cover or contacting other officers in their districts because of inadequate radio signal strength. Officers have found that when they press their radios to talk in some areas, the radio just makes a honking noise.

"Everybody has had a radio get honked, and you can't get through. You have to keep trying and retrying," Central Precinct Officer Mike Davis said. "And sometimes you can't do that anymore because you're involved in a struggle with a suspect. You keep hoping that somebody heard you. Sometimes you have to physically drive to another area to make contact. It's been going on for years, and nobody takes accountability for it."

The third shortcoming OR-OSHA identified was failing to expand the system sufficiently to keep it from becoming overloaded as new users were added to it. When the system was installed, only a handful of Portland bureaus used it. In the past six years, the number of radio users has snowballed to include seven Portland bureaus and 80 outside agencies. The customers are in a region that spans from Lake Oswego to Clark County, and from Hillsboro to Gresham. This, the agency found, has caused an overloading of radio frequencies that sometimes leads to loss of contact between dispatch and officers.

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Mark Your Calendars

Lupus Run for Life 5/10k Benefit Event October 22, 2000 / Woodley Park, Van Nuys

The month of October is just around the corner. Are you looking for a way to make a positive and worthwhile difference in the life of a fellow officer, friend or family member who has been diagnosed with LUPUS? Here's the perfect way!

This upcoming benefit run has been in the planning stages for the past year by a multi-agency task force consisting of members of our Department, LASD, CHP, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Fire Department, El Monte PD, San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, Riverside PD, members of the community, and the Lupus Foundation of Southern California. Proceeds of this run will be going to the Southern California Chapter of the Lupus Foundation so that they may continue their efforts for additional research and to educate the public regarding the disease of lupus.

The Lupus Foundation has assisted our Department personnel for the past two years. They have been instrumental in assisting with two informational lupus symposiums where leading specialists in the disease provided training to officers and family members who were inquiring about lupus. The Lupus Foundation has provided training and resource material to Department personnel interested in becoming certified lupus support group facilitators resulting in a law enforcement support group for officers. This is only a sample of the many ways that the Lupus Foundation helps to educate the public on this debilitating disease.

Resource and training costs money that is derived from benefit events such as the upcoming Lupus Run for Life 5/10k!

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that affects 1 out of every 185 people. The cause remains unknown although more people have it than AIDS, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrosis COMBINED. It is a seemingly "invisible" disease that affects various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints and kidneys. The immune system is severely affected by making antibodies that are directed at the body's healthy cells. Lupus ranges from mild to life-threatening but is most times controlled by medication. Unfortunately, the complications from lupus medications are often just as debilitating or even worse than the disease itself!

Won't you join us in the urgency of spreading awareness of and finding a cure for lupus during Lupus Awareness month on October 22, 2000, by walking or running the Lupus Run for Life at Woodley Park, Van Nuys, California?

Each of the agencies and organizations involved in the planning of this event have offered our Department the ultimate challenge of having more runners than LAPD participate in this event. Let's show our united effort in this challenge!

For more information or race forms, please contact Det. Deborah Gonzalez, Women's Coordinator at (213) 483-3270.

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Hepatitis C is an emerging public health issue that affects both police officers and fire fighters. Hepatitis C is TEN TIMES more contagious than the HIV virus.

Most people who get hepatitis B or C have NO recognizable signs or symptoms. You can feel and appear perfectly healthy yet still be infected with the disease and infect others.

Some people do experience flu-like symptoms, such as loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting, fever, weakness, tiredness and mild abdominal pain.

An important part of health care is detecting diseases before symptoms occur. Some diseases, including viral hepatitis B and C are viral infections that, if left untreated, can be life threatening.

Take this quiz to see if you're at risk for viral hepatitis B or C.

Does your work ever put you in contact with blood, blood products or needles?

Currently, or in the past, have you experienced any of the following?

- Blood transfusion prior to 1992
- Chronic fatigue/tiredness for which your doctor was unable to find an explanation
- Any surgery, including oral surgery
- Endoscopy or other exploratory procedure (oral, nasal, rectal)
- Cesarean delivery or other obstetric or gynecological surgical intervention
- Diagnosis of HIV-positive
- Kidney dialysis
- Elevated liver enzymes test (ALT)
- Diagnosis of hepatitis B or hepatitis C

Currently, or in the past, have you experienced any of the following lifestyles?

- Had a tattoo?
- Had any part of your body pierced?
- Had acupuncture?
- Received a shave in a barbershop?
- Been in the military?
- Changed sex partners frequently?
- Inhaled cocaine?
- Been in prison?
- Injected drugs or needle prick (even once)?
- Had a problem with alcoholism?
- Had unprotected sex with anybody who you know would fit any of the descriptions above?

Do any of the above descriptions apply to a member of your immediate family or has a member of your immediate family been diagnosed with hepatitis B or hepatitis C?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, ask your doctor about being tested; in many instances, hepatitis can be treated. Call the American Liver Foundation for more information: 1-800-223-0179.

The surgeon general has declared hepatitis C to be an emergency public health hazard.

There is treatment and there appears to be a cure for hepatitis C.

You must be specifically tested for hepatitis C. The regular blood examination does not specifically scan for hepatitis C. Over 40 percent of infected people have normal liver enzymes.

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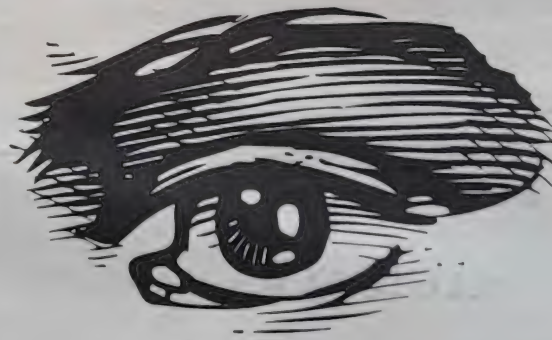
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Texas' Bobby Dupree Named National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Officer of the Month

Washington, D.C.—The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has announced the selection of Deputy Bobby Dupree of the Bowie County (TX) Sheriff's Department, as its Officer of the Month for August, 2000. Deputy Dupree serves as the department's K-9 officer.

While working as a carpenter, Bobby Dupree felt that he had a calling to do something more meaningful for himself, his family and his community. He felt his vocation was in law enforcement and at 26 years of age became a reserve officer with the Bloomburg Police Department in rural Texas. After one year he was hired by the Bowie County Sheriff's Department and has been making a difference in his community ever since. With a soft voice he states, "Some people are called to preach. I was just called to do this."

In the five years he has been with the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Dupree is credited with saving the lives of four children, in two unrelated incidents. His voice falters when he speaks about the case of an abducted three-year-old girl. On a sweltering summer day in 1999, a young mother ran into her home for a split second, leaving her toddler on the front lawn. In that short time, a man on a bicycle entered the yard and abducted

the little girl. Deputy Dupree and his K-9 partner, Nikki, were tasked with tracking the suspect into a densely wooded area where the temperatures rose to more than 100 degrees.

After several hours, Deputy Dupree and Nikki located the suspect, an individual with a history of sexual molestation against children and the child was returned to her mother. Deputy Dupree said that working this case was one of the most rewarding, yet most difficult moments of his life. After the long hours of searching for this child in dangerous temperatures, his beloved partner, Nikki died of heat stroke and exhaustion.

Later that same summer, Deputy Dupree noticed someone running from the rear of a local fast food restaurant and immediately became suspicious. He was able to identify the individual, a wanted felon and learned that he lived in a local trailer park with a woman and her three children. Upon entering, the deputy was horrified by the condition and the stench of the trailer. The door to one room in the trailer was padlocked from the outside and after insisting that the door be opened, Deputy Dupree found three toddlers near death in the roach-infested den. Deputy Dupree was able to have the children placed with the Department of Human Services and arrested the mother

and her boyfriend for endangering the welfare of the children. He received his department's Shining Star Award for his work on this case.

Deputy Dupree has made countless narcotic and traffic arrests and his file is filled with letters of appreciation from citizens throughout Bowie County. In March, 1998, he received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City Council of Redwater, Texas, for his assistance in the evacuation of the people of that community after a poison gas well exploded. The Provost Marshal of the Red River Army Depot cited him for his assistance in helping to train K-9 officers on that post. Deputy Dupree is a member of the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association and he has placed nationally in its competitions.

As a trained traffic/drug interdiction officer, Deputy Dupree knows that there is no such thing as a routine traffic stop. On February 24, 2000, the deputy stopped a vehicle with the intention of warning the driver merely to slow down. As the deputy exited his car, the driver pulled a weapon and opened fire. Although seriously injured, Deputy Dupree was able to pull himself to safety and radio for help. After apprehending the suspect, the authorities learned that earlier in the day he had called his estranged wife and vowed to kill her. When pulled over by Deputy Dupree, the suspect believed he was going to be arrested for threatening his wife.

His injuries from the shooting were so serious, that it will be some time before Deputy Dupree can return to full-time duty. In the interim he spends time with his wife and two young sons and is busy training Sueka, his new K-9 partner.

After returning from his first hospital stay following the shooting, Deputy Dupree overheard his older son saying his evening prayers. The six-year-old thanked God for saving his dad. Choked with emotion, the deputy said a silent prayer and thanked God for his family and for allowing him to continue to do the job he loves so much.

"I have known Deputy Bobby Dupree for several years," says Captain Charlie Thompson of the Bowie County Sheriff's Department. "In that time, he has proven to be one of the most professional and reliable officers that I have had the privilege to be associated with. I hold Deputy Dupree in the highest esteem and have the utmost respect for him as a professional officer and person." Lt. Lomax Johnson shares this sentiment saying, "Bobby is a team player with the Department and in my eyes an overall outstanding officer."

(Located in our nation's capital, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers. The Fund, which was authorized by Congress to build and maintain the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, pays special tribute to the more than 15,000 officers who have died in the line of duty dating back to 1792. The NLEOMF Officer of the Month Program, which began in 1996, recognizes federal, state and local officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary law enforcement service and devotion to duty.)

"In the Good Old Days..."

by Sgt. Steven H. Williams, #23957
Officer Dennis De Noi, #33605

The Parker Foundation's mission is to provide funding to the men and women of the LAPD for training, education and equipment. It is also responsible for the archiving of Chief William H. Parker's personal/professional papers collection and police memorabilia. The collection consists of books, photos, letters, notes, newspaper, clippings, letters and copies of all the Chief's speeches. The speeches came to mind recently as the Democratic National Convention was

unfolding. Please read the following article and see if you can find parallels between today and Chief Parker's era.

During the Lakers' NBA title championships at Staples Center, hoodlums rioted and burned police cars. There was a community outcry, "Where was the LAPD and why did they just stand by while the Laker 'fans' ran amok through our city?"

In a speech to a civic group in Chicago back in 1952, Chief William H. Parker, the Chief of LAPD, addressed the issue "invasion from within." The Chief told the group of the numerous

victories he and the LAPD had over-organized crime ("the Mob") in Los Angeles, while other major cities (like Chicago) were virtually under siege. Chief Parker went on to say, "I bring these facts to you, not to seek praise for our Department, but to show that the crime picture need not be discouraging. If organized crime continues to operate in your city, it does so because someone locally profits (in some way) from its existence." Chief Parker pointed out, "This is not to indict the administration of your city or the police department. It is a fact that the average policeman and police administrator cannot be blamed if he is forced to operate under archaic regulations, political pressures and

public apathy. The very fact that competent and honest policemen remain on the job in the face of these obstacles is prima facie proof of their deep loyalty to you, a loyalty that could be shaped by you into a potent weapon against these enemies within."

The Chief's reference to how the "mob" could flourish in other big cities while at the same time being held completely at bay by our great city, has comparison to how in today's time other cities are allowed to control special interest groups, anarchists and gangs without interference from these same groups through manipulation of the media. It seemed like the law-abiding citizens of Los Angeles and the LAPD were being unfairly held at bay.

However, that was all about to change. Working together, the city's administration and the department's command staff turned the tables (in short order), and returned both the city's and the LAPD's well-earned world class reputations, with its meticulous planning and dynamic response to the potentially violent protesters at the Democratic National Convention.

In just a few months, the LAPD went from a department crippled by society's "archaic regulations, political pressures and public apathy" to a department that is trained, educated, equipped and authorized to do the job our citizens pay us to do. "The crime picture need not be discouraging." The purpose of this article is to point out the fact that the more things change, the more they stay the same. The LAPD showed the world during the Democratic National Convention that if you take action against the criminal element of society, the rest of the law-abiding citizens can move about freely and express their rights without fear. The Board members of the Parker Foundation send their congratulations to all the outstanding officers of the LAPD for standing tall during the Democratic National Convention.



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William H. Parker
Chief of Police (1950-1966)

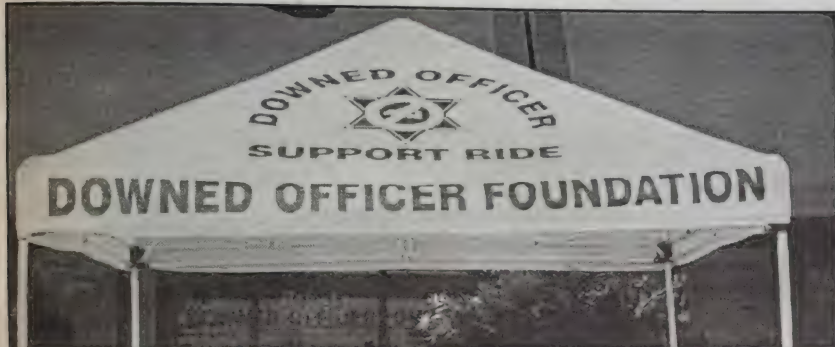
Downed Officers Foundation

Re: the ride, we had 1,200 bikes, the ride started at the Valencia Town Center Mall and was 105 miles long, the band was Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries, the food was prepared by Chuy's Mesquite Broiler restaurant in Valencia. There were 26 vendors selling everything from sunglasses to insurance and gun safes. The Indian M/C factory was there and donated several raffle prizes and the ending site was the Rye Canyon Campus North Film Facility in Saugus.

The ride grossed a bit over \$33,000 and netted \$21,000. We had the help of 6 sponsors that each donated \$1,000 to the Foundation.



Downed Officers Foundation. (L-R) Mrs. Bobbie Parks, Director Dennis P. Zine, Ann Brunzell, Family Support Group President, Director Tim Sands.



The Downed Officers Foundation will be donating \$3,000 to both your LAPD Family Support Group and the LASD Survivors in Partnership, we also donated \$1,000 to the LA City Widows and Orphans Fund. We will be sending 5 or 6 survivors to John James Grief Facilitating Seminars so that we can begin helping other Law Enforcement and Fire Survivors in the near future.

SURVIVING

by Robert Norlemann

What is the definition of a survivor per se?

A person who's lost a loved one along the way.

Whether it be in the line of duty or not, the survivor is left with a hole in their heart.

Friends and departments are great, at first,

then they fade away, that is the worst. A survivor is left to fend on their own,

emotions grow somber, they're out in the cold.

It's no one's fault, it's human nature, what do we say, how do we face them?

There are people that help, survivors are they,

they've been there themselves, they know what to say.

Survivors helping each other, creating a bond,

survivors sharing feelings can never go wrong.

The law enforcement community is different, right?

An officer's life can be stolen late one night.

It's an unspoken word, officer's and family share,

we all know the risks, we know it's not fair.

The next time you see a survivor, don't shy away,

don't save that phone call, for the next rainy day.

Be the friend that you were, talk of their spouse,

invite their children, to come and play at your house.

It's tough being a survivor, especially alone,

so help them along, pick up the phone.

What are Citizen Review Boards?

by Ted Hunt

One of the issues that will become more and more on-point in the near future at LAPD is the concept of Citizen Review Boards. Once considered to be heresy among all levels in LAPD, a majority of rank-and-file officers believe that the disciplinary system should include some type of civilian review.

In a paper entitled Civilian Review of the Police: 1994 a National Survey, authors Samuel Walker and Betsy Wright explain that citizen review procedures have "increased [by] 230 percent in the past 10 years."

According to Walker and Wright, the move to civilian review in the United States mirrors the trend toward civilian review in nearly all English-speaking countries in the world.

The thought of Civilian Review can elicit a spectrum of responses from both police and community people. Although civilian review means different things to different people, Walker and others have grouped them into four classes or systems of citizen review.

Class I: Non-sworn people investigate citizen complaints. Their report is then reviewed by citizens who recommend a disposition and adjudication to the chief of police.

Class II: Sworn officers investigate and review citizen complaints, then make recommendation for disposition

to the chief of police. The sworn officers' report is reviewed by a panel of citizens who make a recommendation for adjudication of the complaint to the chief of police.

Class III: Sworn officers investigate and review citizen complaints. The chief of police adjudicates the complaint. If the complainant does not agree with the adjudication, he/she may appeal the chief's decision to an appeals board.

Class IV: This is the newest model of civilian review. It has been in effect in San Jose and Seattle since 1992. An independent auditor reviews the department's personnel complaint process and has authority to make changes.

Although each of these classes of citizen review follows a general pattern, they do have variations within each class.

The Police Commission's examination of LAPD being conducted by the Inspector General and the United States Department of Justice are examining LAPD right now. They both intend to make changes to many LAPD policies, procedures, practices and systems.

One of the major areas of concern is the way personnel complaints are taken, investigated, adjudicated and tracked. We want to hear about any suggestions you have for improving the LAPD disciplinary system.

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Congratulations to Helen McVay on her 20 years of dedicated service to the League. (L-R) Lisa Burrola, League Office Manager; Helen McVay, Research Analyst and Blue Line Associate Editor; and Ted Hunt, President.

Mystery Cop Photo



Time: About April 1962

Place: The Pool Room at the Academy

Occasion: The completion of Sgt. John Malik's tour in Central Vice. John (center) is shown accepting a home-made Good Luck Award as the champ pool hustler of the P.M. Watch. Name the other four vice coppers.

(This time, two logo awards will be mailed to the first correct mailed answer and the first correct e-mailed answer. No telephone calls, please, as it really overloads the switchboard. MAIL your answer to: LAPPL, 1308 W. 8th Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017, Attn: Helen McVay — E-MAIL your answer to Helen@lappl.org.)



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POST Credit for Some Military Police Training

by Dick Reed, Chief POST Training
Delivery Bureau,
and
Ted Hunt, Chair,
POST Commission

A police officer needs a specific number of years of service in order to qualify for an Intermediate and/or Advanced POST certificate. A police officer may receive military service credit for up to five years of full-time active duty service as a military police officer.

Many of the officers who stopped by the POST booth at the LAPD College Day, had questions about POST Certificate requirements. In a couple of cases, the officers found that they were overdue in applying for their POST certificates. Some officers went to LAPD's

Continuing Education Division (CED) and came back very happy because CED staff assisted them in making application on the spot.

In order for POST to count military service time for POST credit, the police officer must have been a military police officer as his/her primary military assignment. In other words, the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) must have been as a military police officer. The MOS assignment is documented on the police officer's form DD-214, which was issued at the time of separation from active duty.

The League is planning another LAPD College Day in March, 2001. POST will have a booth there and will be able to help with applications for Intermediate and/or Advanced Certificates.

Career Development News

The Career Development Section announces the following upcoming events:

Detective Oral Preparation

The Career Development Section will be sponsoring two oral preparation seminars for all interested Detective candidates. Both seminars will be held at Parker Center Auditorium from 1800 to 2000 hours on October 24 and 26, 2000. Candidates may sign up for mock orals at the seminars. Mock orals will be scheduled for October 30, November 1 and 2, 2000. Candidates will be given a videotape of their mock oral performance for their personal review.

Lieutenant Written Examination Preparation

Two seminars have been announced to prepare candidates for the written portion of the Lieutenant examination. Seminars will be held on

October 24 from 1800 to 2100 hours and on October 26 from 1700 to 2100 hours. Both seminars will feature a panel of Department subject matter experts and will be held at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, classroom 6, 5651 W. Manchester Ave., Westchester.

Interested employees may contact the Career Development Section, hotline on a 24-hour basis at 213-207-3000. The Lake Street location is at 227 N. Lake Street in the downtown area, reached by 213-207-3000 or 3001. The Westchester location, near the airport, is on the first floor of the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, 5651 W. Manchester Ave., Westchester. The Westchester staff may be reached at 310-342-3172 or 3118. Candidates may call or stop by the offices during normal business hours.

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VETERAN'S CORNER



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

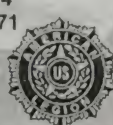
American Legion News

Commander George Aguilar, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
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Invitation to Join Us

All military veterans (both LAPD sworn, LAPD civilian and family members) are invited to join the American Legion. Our American Legion Post is composed of well over 2,000 members. These members are both active and retired employees of the Los Angeles Police Department. Our Post is called "The Los Angeles Police Post #381" of the American Legion. We are the largest (in membership) American Legion Post west of the Mississippi River. We are what is called a "Specialty Post." This means that you have to be a member of a "special" group (i.e., LAPD employees) to join our Post.

What is the American Legion?

The American Legion is veterans who continue their service to America by still serving their communities. Veterans whose involvement in the community creates and supports the feeling of camaraderie which makes the American Legion the nation's largest and most respected organization of wartime veterans.

What Does the American Legion Do?

Here are just a few of the ways our members are "still serving America."

Needy children and families received more than \$6 million in cash and goods.

Deserving high school students were awarded over \$3.8 million in college scholarships.

Local charity campaigns received over \$10 million in donations.

Legion members donated over two million hours of service to their communities.

Legion Posts provided over \$2 million in emergency aid to veterans last year.

Over \$30 million was spent by the American Legion and its affiliated organizations for the benefit of children and youth last year.

Legionnaires across the country donate almost two million hours each year in the V.A.'s Voluntary Service Program, helping veterans who are patients in V.A. medical facilities.

The American Legion's Family Support Network has helped thousands of family members of reserve military personnel called to active duty with everyday needs from simple household repairs to financial assistance.

Legion Posts sponsor approximately 2,500 Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer units each year.

Each year about 86,000 boys experience American Legion baseball.

That's veterans "still serving America." It's veterans helping people. It's Americans taking care of America. And the impressive part of the activities cited above is the fact that they were achieved by only half of the American Legion's 15,000 Posts.



SPC. Ryan Walters, 75th Ranger Rgt. 2nd Battalion Ft. Lewis, Wash. graduated from Ranger School on May 19, 2000, at Ft. Benning, GA. Proud dad, Motor Officer Phil Walters, Specialized Enforcement Unit, USD, pins on the ranger tab.

What Does LAPD Post #381 Do?

We sponsor four LAPD Explorer Posts.

We host a yearly Law Enforcement Appreciation Ceremony.

We sponsor a school for handicapped children.

We coordinate a yearly holiday party at the V.A. hospital for hospitalized veterans during the holiday season.

We sponsor four seventeen-year-old students to the yearly "Boys State" event in Sacramento, CA.

We recently purchased Explorer Jackets for an LAPD Explorer Post.

We host numerous social gatherings for our membership.

We meet once a month (every third Tuesday of the month).

These are just a few of the activities that our Post is involved in.

How Do You Join LAPD Post #381?

To join, you must have served "honorably" on at least one day of active duty, in any branch of the U.S. military during

certain times of hostilities. Following are the most recent dates: Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955; Dec. 22, 1961 to May 7, 1974; Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990; Aug. 2, 1990 to cessation to hostilities as determined by the U.S. government (to present).

You pay \$30 per year (if you are an active employee, this \$30 is deducted from the June "free check" automatically). Interested or have any questions, contact me (Post Commander George C. Aguilar) at pager 1-800/767-5340.

Parting Shots

We are a family affair; we invite you to bring your spouses and children to our meetings. Yes, we are those proud Americans you see at patriotic events, parades and funerals wearing those "caps" with all our ribbons. Remember, you have two things in common with all us Legionnaires, you are or were a member of the Los Angeles Police Department and we all went to "boot camp." (Sorry to bring back those memories. Wait a minute, they're GREAT memories, aren't they!) JOIN US. ❖

LAPD "Citizen-Soldiers" Invited to UCLA-Stanford Game

Though no exact figure is available, it is estimated that several thousand city of Los Angeles employees are members of the National Guard or Reserve Forces. And that a large percentage of them are employees of the Los Angeles Police Department.

On November 4th, UCLA will play Stanford at the Rose Bowl. Kick-off time for the Saturday afternoon game will be 3:30.

Our LAPD "citizen-soldiers", in military uniform or with military ID, are invited to the 4th annual Veterans' and Armed Forces Day football game. They'll receive two free general admission tickets, may order two more for their employer, or order

"buy-one-get-one-free" reserved section tickets.

This offer is sponsored in part by the California Committee of the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) program of the Department of Defense. ESGR serves as a liaison between Guard and Reserve personnel and their civilian employer.

Veterans too may enjoy the game by showing ID from their veterans organization (such as American Legion, VFW, etc.) or other proof of veteran's status.

To reserve your free tickets and other game information, call UCLA football at (310) UCLA-WIN. ❖

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

On Sunday, August 13, at approximately 1430 hours, Armored car couriers from Sectran Security Inc. were making a routine money pick-up from the Costco located at 6100 Sepulveda Blvd., Van Nuys Area. Little did they or the unsuspecting customers know that two suspects armed with assault rifles were laying in wait. As the armed guard, who was carrying a coal bag (money bag), walked back to his vehicle, he was confronted by suspect number one. The suspect announced that this was a robbery and demanded the bag. Both the guard and suspect one engaged each other in a gun battle during which suspect one was wounded in the leg. As suspect one retreated, suspect two emerged from the crowd of shoppers and laid down cover fire. Both the suspects and the guard made it back to their respective vehicles. The suspects then made good their getaway. During the exchange of gunfire the suspects shot five citizens, three female adults and two male adults. One of the male adults succumbed to his wounds.

As the robbery took place, off-duty Officer **R. Lugo**, #35316, Wilshire Area, was in the area with his family. Officer Lugo observed a wounded individual, later identified as suspect one, walking down a residential street holding an assault rifle. Officer Lugo secured his family (Something to remember, don't put your family in

harm's way. Be a good witness.) then utilized his cell phone to contact communications. Officer Lugo maintained a safe distance and clearly articulated the suspect's movements. The suspect had now taken a position of cover behind a large tree. This information was broadcast to responding units.

Well, since this was the day before the DNC, all of RHD had been deployed and were working hard at PAB when they were informed of the crime. Bank Squad Detectives **J. Fountain** and **C. Stubbs** assumed the investigative responsibility of this

Nuys Patrol officers, Vice officers and officers from "COBRA," the suspect was taken into custody without incident. Detectives Stubbs and Fountain then obtained a search warrant for the suspect's residence. During the search of the location the detectives recovered one MAK-90 semi-automatic assault rifle (7.62X39 caliber), one Berretta 9mm handgun with a silencer, one Colt 45 handgun along with approximately 100 rounds of miscellaneous ammunition for the recovered weapons. Along with the evidence recovered, the detectives have obtained positive identifications of both suspects from witnesses as well as information from witnesses that the suspects "confessed" to concerning the crime.

Both suspects are currently in custody with a no-bail hold on them. The case has been presented to DDA Modder who has filed one count of murder, four counts of attempt murder, and one count of attempt robbery with special circumstances, making both suspects eligible for the death sentence if convicted.

This was a very serious crime that could have matched the destructiveness of the North Hollywood shootout. We at RHD want to commend all of the officers and detectives that responded to the scene and assisted with this investigation. Officers **Lugo**, **Hogue**, **Boka**, along with **Det. Grimes** are to be commended for their sound tactics (guts) and communication skills that enabled them to take suspect one, who was wounded and armed with an assault rifle, into custody. The swift action by all involved enabled us to arrest two very bad individuals. As of this article two of the victims, husband and wife, are still hospitalized listed in serious condition.

RHD Promotion

Congratulations to new D-III Gollaz, #22443, who will continue his outstanding work in Homicide II.

Welcome Aboard

Welcome to **Don Wildy**, Management Aide, who arrives from Jail Division. Don will be working with the Robbery Specials and the Bank Squad inputting robbery stats into our HITMAN system.

RHD Family Business

The Fighting Irish fans at RHD would like to congratulate #18, **Joey Getherall**, the son of retired Bank Squad D-III **Joe Getherall**, on catching the first touchdown for Notre Dame in their win against Texas A&M. For the others at RHD, fight on.

Condolences

It's always sad to add this section to our article. We are sad to say that **Tom Donahey**, the husband of RHD retiree **Paula Donahey**, passed away last month. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

That's it for this month. Don't eat too much candy on the 31st. Remember, there's only 60 some odd shopping days until X-mas. Until next time, BE SAFE.



Evidence recovered.

photos by Dennis P. Zine
(L-R) Lt. Grayson, Cdr. Zimmon, Chief Parks, Det. Fountain, Det. Stubbs and Det. Cortez.

crime. The detectives from RHD conducted numerous interviews as well as the recovery of the suspect's vehicle and an AK-47 with a 70-round drum magazine loaded with 7.62x39 ammunition. This is the same ammunition used by the suspects during the North Hollywood shootout. Based on the outstanding job done by the initial responding officers and detectives, valuable evidence was recovered which would later assist the Bank Squad detectives in locating the outstanding suspect.

The detectives continued their follow-up investigation during which they



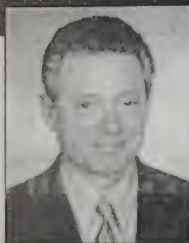
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What Robbery-Homicide Detective fell down and went boom?

were able to identify suspect two along with his possible location. On August 16th, just three days after the crime, RHD Robbery and Bank Squad detectives surveilled this location. The suspect was observed leaving the location in a vehicle. With the assistance of Van

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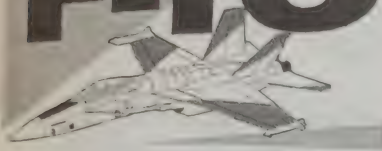
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F-16



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Well, the DNC has come and gone. During this week our new Capt. III **Kenneth Garner**, #21899, encouraged our community relations officers and community members to have a barbecue to feed all the officers at the station on all the watches. We also had the help of all CPAB members to help and assist in serving the meals to the officers. By having our station fund, from the snack shop, we were able to purchase all the food and drinks. We would like to thank the following officers: **SLO Norm Dumais**, P-3 **Jackie Landtiser**, P-2 **Don Blanken**, P-2 **Lori Forman**, and B-watch Sgt. **Chu**. The 12 hours were long, but we all worked as a team. We were ready for any event in the area.

For all the officers who went down to DNC command post downtown, all the officers were outstanding. All of us at Foothill are proud of your professionalism and actions toward the protestors and the visiting guests. One of our watch commanders, Lt. **Allen**, was working the inner perimeter. That is why everything ran like a smooth machine. Great job to all that were involved.

Commendation

On August 30, 2000, Officers **Knop** and **Clarke** were working Foothill area patrol and assigned 16A1. Officers received information from the CAD unit that in the area of Roxford St. and Encinitas Ave. Ongoing problems of narcotics, prostitution and stolen vehicles. The officers focused their efforts to the area adjacent to local motels in the area. While doing so, they observed a 2000 Toyota Camry parked in front of room #117. The officers ran the vehicle which came back stolen from Northern California. After staking out the vehicle

for a short time, the officers were able to arrest one suspect as she attempted to drive away from the motel parking lot. This arrest led to the recovery of multiple identification and credit cards in names differing from the suspect. The officers conducted a follow-up to the suspect's room. Once at the room, they gained a consensual search from suspect #2. The search subsequently recovered numerous blank and used checks with variety of checking account numbers, fictitious and stolen driver's licenses and other forms of personal identification. Both suspects were arrested and found that both suspects had over \$100,000 in warrants.

Both officers are commended for their good old fashioned police work, based on information from the CAD unit and their attention to duty. Great job!

Congratulations

Samuel Jones, #33788, and wife, **Lisa Jones**, are proud parents of **Austin Jones** born April 28, 2000 (see photo).

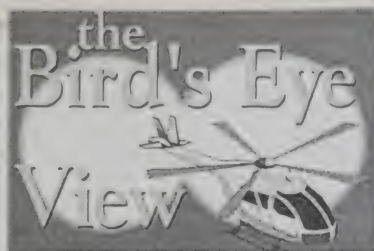


Austin Jones, child of Samuel and Lisa Jones.

This officer had a happy face for at least a month, but had little sleep because of helping his wife with the feeding and care of their baby. Great job, Sammy!

Foothill Area Officer Needs Help

Officer **Posner** is looking for any officers that were involved in the chemical fire in Foothill Division in 1985, in Sun Valley. She is looking for any officer that had problems related to the chemical fire like tumors, growths, or any other illness as a result of this fire. Please contact Officer Jeannie Posner at 661-269-0651.



by Cole Burdette
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

This month we had another group of pilots head to Texas for factory training in our new helicopter, the AS350B-2. **Steve Gnerlich**, **John Harell**, Sgt. **John Onyshko** and Sgt. **Il Jim Heintzman** will be making the trip Sept. 11-15. If all goes according to schedule, they will return to put new aircraft number 3 into service around Sept. 17, 2000. Good luck out there, guys. Keep your eyes peeled. Maybe you can help out on a few pursuits on the way back in Texas or Arizona.

A few DPs back I mentioned the addition of Sgts. **Williams**, **Ackerman** and **Shortley** to the Air Support roster. Well, they've been busy as bees back in training since then and word has it we'll be having a few wings presentations in early October. It's too early to give a date yet, but I'll try to keep you posted. Good going, sirs.

This DP we have another three tactical flight officer loans hoping they have "the right stuff." We all welcome and wish good luck to **Keith Green** from Northeast, **Greg Duran** loaned from Central, and **Greg McDonald** from Hollywood. Work hard, don't get discouraged, and always keep in mind, if I

slipped through the cracks and made it, anything is possible.

We're Looking for a Few Good Coppers

Now that I've mentioned tactical flight officer loans, we're getting ready for TFO orals again. If anyone out there is interested in one of the most challenging positions the department has to offer, here is what Air Support needs for you to apply. Submit a 15.88 with your last two ratings and keep in mind we require a minimum of five years service with LAPD in patrol or specialized units. Brush up on your tactics and pursuit policy and come up for some ride-alongs to see what it's all about. If anyone needs additional information, contact Chief TFO **Rick Leoffler** at 5-2600. You can also send an e-mail request to Rick, myself, or anyone else at ASD and they will be happy to give you pointers and tips on preparation.

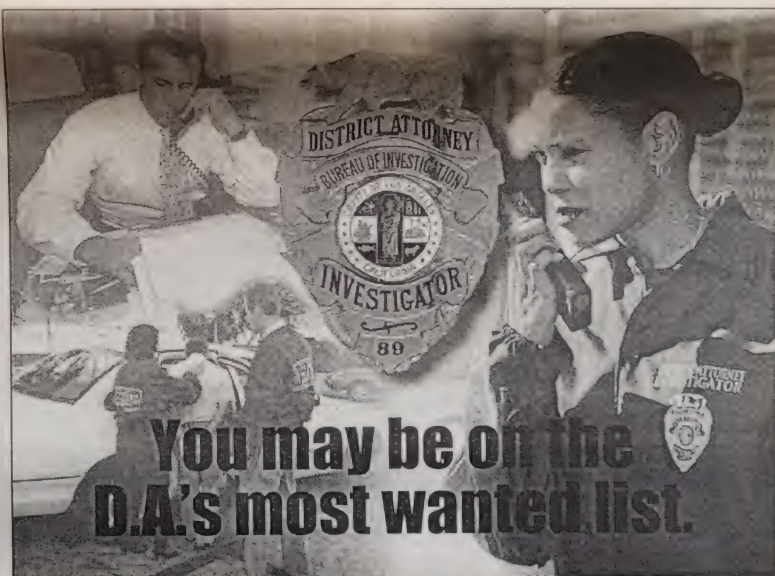
ASD Tip of the Month

If you come to Los Angeles to exercise your First Amendment rights of free speech to protest, welcome. If you're here to cause anarchy and commit crime, we'll send you back where you came from.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation on behalf of everyone at Air Support Division to the Los Angeles Police Officers who were down on the front lines during the Democratic National Convention. All of the sacrifices you made in your long hours in preparation before and during the event, discipline while under extraordinary circumstances, bravery and your professionalism made all of us and everyone who wears the badge very proud.

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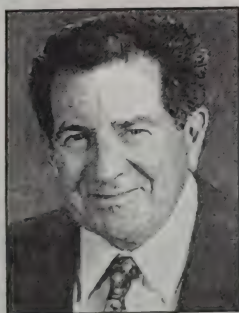
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Southern lip

by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

August was a heck of a month for the new LAPD. The Democratic National Convention brought this department back from all the negative press. The men and women did a fantastic job and all should be congratulated for outstanding dedication to the city of Los Angeles. I would personally like to thank the upper echelon of this department for its treatment of the field cops. They took better care of the ground pounders than has ever occurred in my 29+ years as a grunt. Comm. **Tom Lorenzen** and his staff did an excellent job of getting food and water to all the troops in the area. The hours were long and the temperatures were 90+ every day, with it being about 105+ on the fresh-laid asphalt tarmac. I even saw the brass, captains and above, riding around talking with the troops and smiling. OK, a question to the brass: "What's up?" Is this really the new image that the command staff is trying to portray? I sure hope so; it would be nice to see some stars and bars with a smile on their old, sour mugs.

I was fortunate enough to work with Sgt. **Bill (Willie) Forman** in the gold squad on a watch. Our squad was made up of officers from all over the city. It was amazing to see how well a group of strangers could work together. This showed the professionalism of all the officers that were involved with this event. They also made numerous friendships with agents from the Secret Service, Army EOD and Highway Patrol.

The camaraderie of law enforcement shone clear and bright. I was truly impressed with all the law enforcement agencies who participated that long week in August. Since most cops are Republicans, it really is a credit to them for handling so many Democrats in one place. Toward the end of the week, many officers were tired and wore out, but they continued to handle themselves in the way they were trained—magnificently.

Congratulations have to go to **Brent and Pam Riederich** for their new child, **Aidan John**, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, 20 inches, born May 17th. Another first was for **Pedro and Criselda**, a new baby girl, **Alyssa Niccole**, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, and 18 inches long, born July 31st.

The transfer came out during the DNC and I got a little behind. Here is the new promotions: **Paul McKechnie** was promoted to Sergeant and sent to Pacific, **Paul Inabu** was upgraded to Det.-I and sent to Pacific, Det.-I **Marie Farrell** was shipped out to IAG with an upgrade to a Det.-II. Two new Det.-Is, **P. Chavez** and **C. Merlo**, are coming from Juvenile and Rampart. We gained a new Sgt.-II, **C. Pierce**, from WLA. We picked up a P-3, **A. Zambon**, from Pacific, and a P-2, **D. Shry**, from Devonshire. Youngsters out: **Y. Nagata** to 77th, **J. Armando** and **B. Hetzler** to Communications, **C. Doros** bailed to Devonshire and **J. Hurtado** to CTD, **R. Burillo** went to Narcotics Div. and **R. Melvin** to STD. Two new rookies are blessing us with their presence: **S. Julian** and **C. Redrup**. Good luck and congratulations to each of you on your way to success in LAPD.

I was glad to see the presidential candidate, George Bush, actually spoke the truth about a Times reporter when he called him a big A——. Isn't this a shock to see someone in politics speak the truth?

All for now. Start winterizing your gear and weapons, the rain is coming and we should all be well prepared. ❖

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

A lot of people have been coming and going lately... among them are the following, with apologies for anyone possibly left behind: Sgt. **Gallagher** to Southwest, Sgt. **Carson Pierce** (bye Carson) will be promoted to Sgt. 2 in Harbor, Det. **Watson** heads for DSD while Det. **Kenny** heads for OCVD and Det.-of-the-Year **Waco** to Juveniles. P3 **Brunson** will be heading for Van Nuys, **Casey** and **Landers** will do time in Communications, and **Muskovin** goes to Southeast. We then have **Yoon** to



P3 Kelly Chrisman with Sgt. Doug Abney, honoring Doug's 25th LAPD anniversary. Congrats! Congratulations, Doug, on your assignment at Air Support! We'll miss youuuuu.

TRD, **S. Smith** to Van Nuys, **Sherrie Lynn Andersen** promoting to P3 and Senior Clerk Typist **Starkey** to DSD. Coming in to join us will be **Sanfillippo** from Metro, Sgt. **Mosmer** from Dev. along with Officers **Serna** and **Ropp** from Devonshire. Det. 2 **Lewis** (hey) joins us from Northeast, and **Chris Shaw** has faithfully returned to us from CRS. We also welcome **McCarthy** from WTD and P1 **J. Curtis** and PSR **R. Jackson**.

In November there will be wedding bells for recent arrival **John**

Macchiarrella who will be marrying **Maiko Balser** from his academy class! **John** arrived recently from Devonshire and has a new home in Santa Clarita and a new dog named **Bella**. He recent-



WLA's Officers **Orozco** and **Macchiarrella**, two of LA's finest.

ly enjoyed working with Officer **Orozco** as the video team during the DNC. What did they tape?? They said the delegate hotels, protestors and mobile field forces in action. Anything else?? I don't know.

We have some award winners here at WLA. P2 **Mike Jackson** won the gold medal for the Men's #1 basketball team, and **Sean Lewis**, P2, also won a gold for the basketball team, as well as a bronze medal for the 6-man Volleyball team and a gold medal for the 2-man Men's Beach Volleyball team! WOW, great job guys.

A while ago I recapped a heroic episode by Officer **Orozco** saving the day during a fire across from the WLA station. This time he handled a suicide call on Wilshire Blvd. in Westwood. A man said he was going to jump off of a 7-story building. Sure enough, when the officers got to the scene, there he was, ready to jump! **Orozco** started yelling, the subject let go and hit the ledge on the 6th story retaining wall where he was hanging on by his arm. **Orozco** went to the 6th floor parking structure where he started pleading with him to hang on and not to jump. The man told the officer that he had nothing to live for. **Orozco** grabbed his arm as he jumped and was dangling over the wall while hanging onto the subject! A citizen and another officer hung on to the man until **Orozco** was able to grab him by the waistband and pull him to safety! **WHIEW**... I guess that's enough for now... ❖

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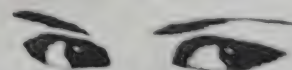
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B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven
Burglary Auto Theft Division

In-N-Out

This past two months the movement has really only been into BAD. We have been lucky not to lose any of the outstanding detectives that are assigned here. Now a recap of the personnel changes within the division. Det.-I **Humberto Jaime** is into BAD from Rampart Division. P.O.-IIIs **Karen Zuniga** from Hollenbeck and **Sergio Hernandez** from Central Division are into BAD and are assigned to TRAP. Welcome to BAD and we hope you find your new assignments challenging.

Happy Birthday Wishes

Because of the DNC, CATS Detective Auto Theft School and numerous other little projects, I seem to find myself running behind. I apologize for having to play catch-up on the birthday wishes. Happy birthday in September to **Barbara Bella** 9/5, **Manuel Huezo** 9/14, **Heather Arnold** 9/19, **Hector Jaramillo** 9/22, and our favorite cham-

pion time keeper, **Greg Hill** on 9/23. October is a popular month for seven of BAD's detectives. Happy birthday to "DNC Commander" **Dan Schultz** 10/3, **Don Hrycyk** 10/9, **Germain Vitacion** 10/11, **Steve Howe** 10/21, **Mike Perez** 10/24, **Armando Romero** 10/29 and **Tom Mann** 10/30.

BAD's Newlyweds

Congratulations go to Det.-III **John Byun** (BAD CATS) and his beautiful bride, **Rosemary Kim**. Friends and family joined John and Rosemary as they



Newlyweds Det.-III John and Rosemary Byun.

were married at the Academy in the Rock Garden. The happy couple is using their honeymoon time to set up their love nest.

Safe Detail Provides Technical Advice for Movie

Det. **Troy Bybee** and his partner, Det. **Ben Black**, provided technical



Back Row: (L-R) Retired Sgt. Russ Douglas, LASD; former Officer Roger Adez, LAPD; retired Sgt. Bobby Gann, LASD; retired Lt. Greg Henderson, South Pasadena PD; retired Officer Don Coffelt, LAPD-Pacific Div.; Det. Lou Koven; Front Row: L.A. City Attorney Ed Perez; retired Det. Bill Heim, DHD — in Belize.

advice to actor **Edward Norton** for a movie he is filming called "Score." The movie is currently being filmed in Canada. The story revolves around an old time safe-cracker. Detectives **Don Hrycyk** and **Kara Clifford** also lent some of their expertise on art theft. You might remember Mr. Norton from several of his other movies, "Primal Fear," "American History X" and "Fight Club."



Detectives Troy Bybee and Ben Black with Actor Edward Norton.

Police-Sheriff Reunion in Belize

Earlier this summer I was fortunate enough to travel to Central America and join friends for a fishing trip in Belize. This country is a jungle paradise and if you're thinking of traveling

to Central America, include some time in Belize. The trip turned out to be a law enforcement reunion with cops from several different agencies. I stayed with retired Det.-III **Bill Heim** (DHD) at his summer resort, the Maruba. The weather was good, the fishing wasn't the greatest, but the beer was cold!

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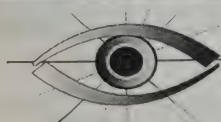
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M.S.D. Notes

by Jeff Bert
Management Services Division

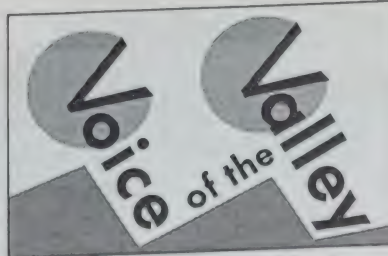
Greetings from Management Services Division. In the wake of the DNC, MSD has been charging full speed ahead—writing, researching, and squinting. Yesterday I stared at my computer for such a long time it slapped me. The nerve! I guess I deserved it.

This week, in addition to the daily workload, several MSD staff members, including our C.O., Capt. **Jim McDonnell**, are gearing up for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Mud Run—from dress shirts and suits to wet dirt and boots. Eight fearless, intrepid police officers and myself are going to run five miles through mud, water, and other stuff one might encounter at an equestrian center. Most of us have done one or two things to get in shape for this event. (We plan on breaking a record... or a limb). In an effort to get more streamlined, I trimmed my fingernails. I'm an animal. **Mike Flynn** stopped talking—completely. He figures he can use all that extra hot air he's storing up to the team's advantage on race day. We'll blow the competition away. **David Koeh** has been walking in place for seven minutes a day. He'll go far.

Sean Parker, a new researcher, has been doing sets of pencil curls. Hey, some of us pump iron, others pump lead. Sgt. **Brian Raffish** has invested in seven reams of duct tape. As if it is not going to be sticky enough out there. Sgt. **John McMahon** claims actually to have done some international training in the blazing sun of Cabo San Lucas. Somehow I don't believe him. Lt. John Sherman simply emptied his uniform pockets in an effort to be as light as possible for race day. In doing so, he pulled out seven Department Manuals, 43 Special Orders, 14 blue felt pens, 19 floppy disks, and some week-old take-out meal. And that was just out of his shirt. Lt. **Hiltner**, a veteran Mud Runner, has designed convoluted maps and tactical deployment schedules for all the runners so we can have even more of an advantage on the course. I think we're ready.

In the past month we have said goodbye to some great MSD employees and we have gained a bunch. Most recently, Manuals and Orders Unit bid adieu to Clerk Typist **Shelly Wong**. Shelly was the hardest working person I have had the privilege of knowing. She will be missed by the Department. We welcome several people to MSD. Sgt. **Costley** arrived at the Evaluation Unit. He advised me to knock three times and say my name before I entered his office door—a throwback to his days as my Academy instructor. Also, we welcome Officers **Dollie Swanson**, **Sean Parker**, and **David Koeh** to the Manuals and Orders Unit. And finally, we welcome **Gloria Grube**, a Senior MA II to MSD.

Stay safe and have a great month. ❖



by John Amott
Valley Traffic Division

Well, we're all somewhat back to normal business after our successful limited engagement at the DNC. Everyone at VTD played a vital part towards enhancing the image of the LAPD. All of the motor cops were part of a motor strike team (there were 13 motor strike teams deployed, popping up on-line every time a protest marcher turned a corner. A VTD motor strike team corralled the reckless bicyclists (Intelligence had it that they were out to vandalize cars and the library), resulting in calling in the LASD mass-arrest team. For the finale on the last night, departing protestors who used the new rail lines, found a motor strike team at every station, greeting them as they got off the trains.

Many of the CI officers found themselves running (literally) with the Mobile Field Forces (made me glad that I have a motor). Their aggressive posture showed that the MMF was ready and won't put up with any nonsense.

Other CI officers were charged with security at the site, where several radicals were attempting to breach the gates, carrying unlawful devices. It was nice to have a friendly face at the gate when we came in to eat. Our motor squad got waved right in, rather than directed to the "sniffer."

Even the home front was busy. Of note, **Walter Hogue** responded to the Costco 211/187 and wound up capturing the AK-47 shooter single-handed. Not bad for a 30-year traffic cop.

The Daily News wrote a nice piece about the senior officer of the Department, VTD Detective Sergeant **John O'Toole**. With 47 years on the job, he is not above taking his turn for call-outs and such. With many officers out on the DNC, John got into his field

uniform and became part of a T-car, with his own personal driver (P-III) Valerie Heacock. John is a credit to all of us senior citizens.

The Voice would like to thank the League as well as the many other entities that went around town keeping the troops in water and refreshments. They were a welcome sight. The hospitality of the many businesses in the Central City was also appreciated. Like most divisions, we haven't had that much transfer activity, due to the DNC activity. Motor Cop **John Ficken** made sergeant and is now at Rampart. He was last seen jogging about to get in shape for being a MFF supervisor. Sgt. **Don Kelly** has joined us from Wilshire. Being a Valley resident, he already enjoys being 15 miles closer to home. **Bill Bustos**, a former VTD detective, has returned as our D-III. Welcome back, Bill.

Some of our VTD family has been busy on the home front. **Lou Medrano** and his wife, Vivian, had a boy, Andrew. **Will Durr** and his wife, Aracely, had a girl, Crystal. **Greg Fuqua** and his wife had a girl, Jasmine. The Voice became a grandfather for the second time. **Emily Amott** joins her 2-year-old brother, Kyle. Both will keep Pat and Christina busy. Congratulations to all.

We've all been there... show up at a pursuit termination, set up a perimeter, chase down the crook, hook up the car, take everybody to jail... then realize that there is a T/C involved. As soon as possible, advise the RTO that a T-car is needed. The RTO will prioritize the call (usually the traffic division will also expedite a response). Leave the car and related evidence at the scene until the T-car arrives and obtains photos and begins their investigation. Please don't chase witnesses away. The T-car will also need written statements (Form 556) from the pursuit officers and other witness officers. The traffic officers will be a part of the overall investigation in order to ensure accuracy and completeness of reports.

From the old motor sergeant: Assume that oncoming cars are going to turn left in front of you. Sure you may have eye contact with the driver, but in an instant you may have physical contact with his car. ❖



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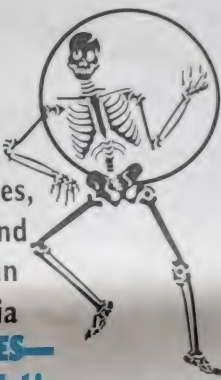
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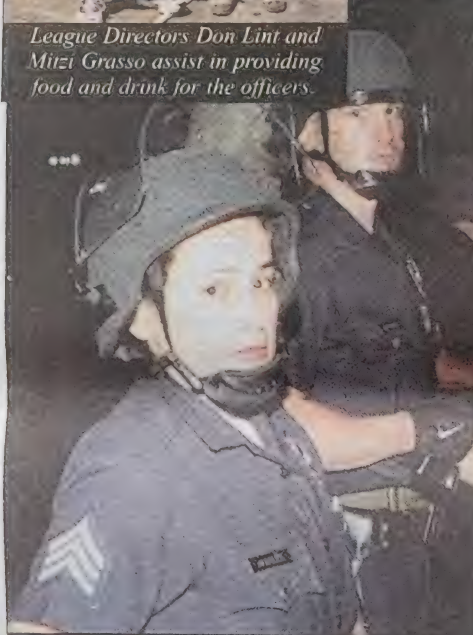
League Directors Don Lint and Mitz Grasso assist in providing food and drink for the officers.



Officers standing by during DNC protests



Bike detail members deployed during DNC.



Skirmish line at the ready at County Jail, during DNC protests



LAPD hosts



Mobil Field Force confronting protesters at DNC demonstration



Highway Patrol skirmish line at Bonaventure Hotel

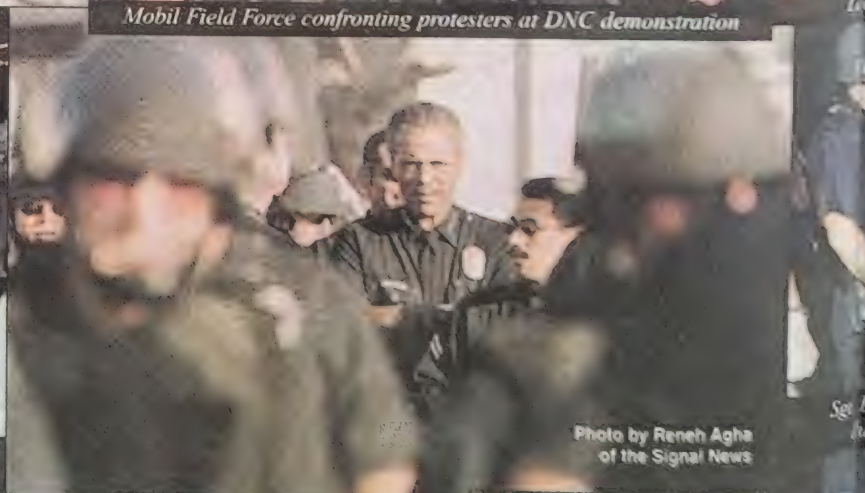
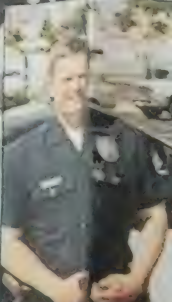


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Sgt. Jim Reid responding to DNC incident



CNN Correspondent

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Skirmish line greeting protesters during DNC



SWAT responding to call at DNC



Sgt. George Brietigam and officer with protester



LAPD Transit Rail personnel deployed at downtown Metro rail transit station



Green hat National Lawyers Guild reps monitoring LAPD tactics.



DNC security personnel at Staples Center

ts DNC 2000



League President Ted Hunt meeting with officers assigned to DNC security.



Officer arresting demonstrator during DNC incident



TOP COP Medal of Valor Award winners are acknowledged on the convention floor at the DNC: Officer Romik Keshishi, Officer Cynthia French, Sergeant Joan Leuck



Sgt. Dave Nunez and his squad deployed during anarchist/protesters march.



LAPD Undercover pickpocket detail



Newly appointed Deputy Chief Dave Kalish coordinating media activities at DNC.



CNN Correspondent Bernard Shaw with LAPD Transit Rail Personnel



Deputy Chief Maurice Moore (center) informing National Lawyer's Guild representatives of protest restrictions.



LASO and LAPD deployed at DNC Transit Station

LAPD hosts DNC 2000

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Heavily-armed officers responding to DNC protest



League Directors Cliff Raff and Bob Baker getting food and drinks out to many deployed officers.



Protest at Rampart Station during DNC



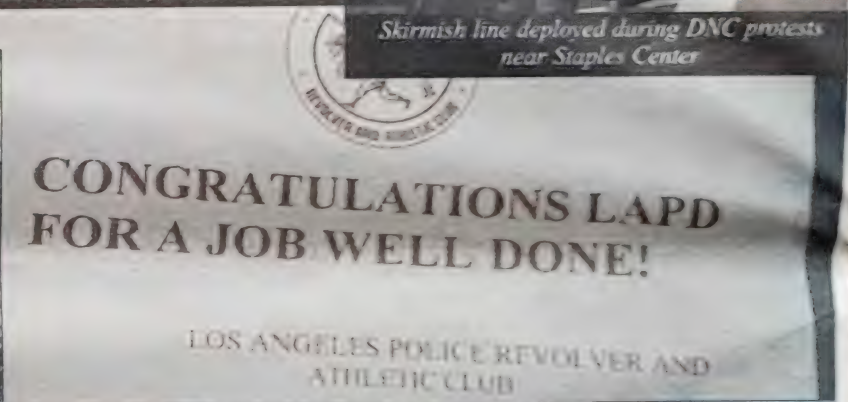
California Delegation surrounds Governor Gray Davis on Convention floor



Skirmish line deployed during DNC protests near Staples Center



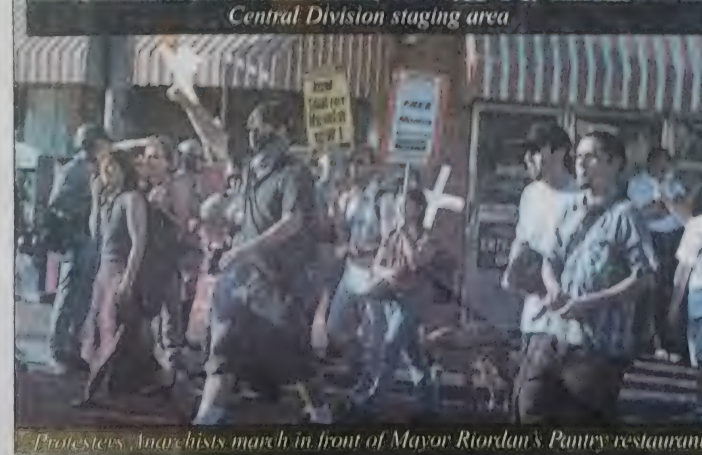
Oregon Police Officer representatives observing LAPD deployment during convention



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Central Division staging area



Protesters, Anarchists march in front of Mayor Riordan's Pantry restaurant



Officers waiting to respond

DNC - Congratulations & Support

Dear Editor,

I received my orders to report to the University of Southern California to work the Democratic National Convention from August 12 through 18. What I didn't know was that I was going to board an MTA bus and be driven to a remote outpost known as Pershing Square. I became a victim of what was known as the DNC lottery.

Pershing Square was very hot with very little comfort from the heat, and my feet ached from the constant standing at the fixed post assignment. Added to these summer conditions were the demonstrations that occurred in the park from anarchists, communists, misfits, and various causes. Certain groups were very anti-police and the air in the park was filled with leftist hate groups.

However, I am writing this letter to the Blue Line because there were some super heroes who shined for those seven days that must make print. What was known as Squads two and three were assigned to N/W quadrant of the park next to the stage known as "ground zero." Actually we renamed this area "the little bighorn" because we were 20 strong wearing soft hats against thousands of demonstrators. Several times we formed skirmish lines, blocking forces, or marched down Olive Avenue and arrested the 45 anarchists who attempted to trash the fur store. I had never worked with these officers before but I was proud of their professionalism, attitudes, and honorable demeanor during those seven days. Their names must make print because of the super heroes they are for protecting the first amendment rights of all the people in the park and stopping the anarchists in their tracks from trashing the downtown area. They are Officers Kim, Lee, Lopez, Suzuki, Johnson, Kapalong, Mendoza, Morimoto, Cortez, Gomez, Sanchez, Dipaula, Delatorre, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Morales, Martinez, Sgt. Danny Wong and Lt. Don Farrel.

In addition, these officers, sergeants, and lieutenant are very grateful to the Los Angeles Protective League for providing fresh cold water during some very miserable, hot conditions at Pershing Square. Those first few days we were the Foreign Legion of the Department and the Protective League came through. Our thanks to their generosity and thinking of the troops at the "Little Big Horn."

Sgt. Jeff Hamilton

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CHIEF OF POLICE SUBMITS ATTACHED OPED PIECE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

The Chief of Police has prepared an Op-Ed piece regarding the Los Angeles Police Department's response to the unruliness outside Staples Arena on Monday, August 14, 2000, for publication in the Los Angeles Times. It is recommended that you share the attached article with your officers, active community members, and encourage Senior Lead Officers and Basic Car Coordinators to disseminate the information to residents in the communities that you serve.

David J. Kalish

Commander Officer, Community Affairs Group

Swift Action by the LAPD Prevented Spread of Violence at DNC

By Chief Bernard C. Parks

Try to imagine it. You're being taunted by people screaming obscenities. You're being struck by rocks, concrete blocks, water bottles hurled at you by individuals who are doing their dead level best to incite a full-scale riot. Steel balls launched by slingshots strike you and the horse upon which you sit, which is injured. You watch as fires are lit on debris in and around the crowd. A pro-anarchist, pro-violence, pro-destruction group of "entertainers" called Rage against the Machine has whipped the crowd up into a fury.

The lawbreakers had been participating in criminal behavior for well over an hour and as it became more serious, their criminal acts are what drove us to take action. The leadership of the Los Angeles Police Department has to make a decision, and make it lightning fast. Play passive, and let the rabble turn the "melee" into an ugly—and quite possibly lethal—firestorm. Or take the initiative, moving decisively and in force, to disperse the crowd and clear the immediate environs of the Staples Center.

We chose the latter course, and I'm convinced it was precisely the right course. It needs to be said that the hard-core band of individuals who actually perpetrated the violence Monday night (watch the extensive media coverage) were not "protesters," and should not be so described. I lived through the '60s and the Civil Rights Movement. Monday night's shirtless troublemakers wouldn't know what a protest is, or what a real, honest-to-God cause is, if one hit them in the face. It also needs to be said that I'm fully aware of the Constitutional right of persons wanting to advocate any and all causes to lawfully bring attention to their causes. We've been working with organizations for several months to make sure that they will be able to make their voices heard this week—in a lawful manner.

What we won't tolerate, though, are the activities of a small band of hooligans, intent on unlawfully engaging in

violent acts, trying to provoke police officers into playing the game on their terms. Because of the size of the crowd attending the "concert" Monday night, LAPD officers used crowd control methods that proved extremely effective, with consideration for the safety and security of everybody. The enforcement actions of the LAPD were strategic, measured and appropriate. Several persons were struck by less than lethal devices while police were working to disperse the crowds. But the potential for serious injury—even deaths—would have been far greater had the violence been allowed to continue and the momentum to build.

Despite how "armchair experts" view LAPD's response to the demonstrators who became violent, the LAPD accomplished its mission of maintaining the peace and ensuring public safety while using only the minimum force necessary. I am especially proud of the restraint shown by the men and women of the LAPD.

It is the goal of the LAPD to protect the lives and property of those who live, work and visit this city, including those who attend this convention as delegates, guests, media representatives, protesters, observers. As the DNC unfolds, police officers are sure to be challenged to ensure public safety while maintaining the highest respect for the rights of all people.

I am proud of the way our Department responded in the face of such aggravated taunting.

On Tuesday afternoon during the DNC, my partner and I were watching some anarchist-type protesters when we saw them form up and begin chanting and quickly marching towards 6th and Olive from Pershing Square. We joined the crowd and saw them begin threatening people and attempting to break into a business. Since the situation appeared quite critical, we reported it immediately. A help call was put out. It was really hot outside, but the officers who were stationed at Pershing Square sprinted three or four blocks in full gear in order to come to our aid. As a result of their efforts, 45 protesters were intercepted before they could do any further damage to our city. I don't know the identity of all of the officers, but I would really like to thank you all for what you did. It took a phenomenal effort on your part! It must have been 1,000 degrees outside and you guys had on everything but the kitchen sink! Thanks again, you guys were terrific, as usual!

Det. M. Z. Hermosillo, Narcotics Division

Dear LAPD,

While watching the news today and all of the criticism with regards to the actions of the police towards the demonstrators, I felt compelled to send my support via e-mail to the Los Angeles Police Department. My family and I fully support the police department, as we are educated and know the never-ending stress all officers are under—from routine traffic stops to ensuring the safety of themselves, participants of AND the demonstrators at events such as the Democratic Convention. Although none of our family is involved in the police department, we have many friends that routinely put their lives on the line daily for our safety and well being. We fully support the LAPD's actions last night when the situation got a little "ugly."

Reviewing all of the news broadcasts allows us to see that the LAPD used necessary force to get things under control. If I was wealthy I would buy Krispy Kreme Donuts for the entire force! Keep up the good work. There ARE people in the community who support and appreciate the entire LAPD.

The Large Family, Valencia, CA

I felt a rush just to see the men in blue take charge these last few days at the Staples Center. We are still the number one police department in the world.

Sanchez (Ret. August 1, 1999)

Congratulations to the fine men and women of the LAPD. August 13 through 17, 2000, the Democratic National Convention, once again brought the eyes of the world to the city of Los Angeles. While under the tremendous scrutiny of the media, the men and women of this organization showcased the LAPD for what it has always been—the world's finest law enforcement agency.

Everyone should be proud of what was accomplished. We did what no other police department in this country has done. We facilitated many large, peaceful protests while denying the three hundred or so anarchists the opportunity to commit acts of violence or vandalize our great city. This was no small task. So many moving parts came together and worked for the common goal of success.

During this event, Lt. John Cooney and I walked with our platoon in many of the marches. This placed us in a position to witness some of the finest law enforcement professionals in the world do their jobs. The officers of Operations Central Bureau (OCB) Mobile Field Force (MFF) and officers from all over the city that were loaned to Central Area marched in the protest marches in order to envelope the anarchists. They denied access to anywhere but the permitted march routes. Demonstrators were forced to stay together and not wander to areas that could be vandalized. This in itself made me extremely proud of our COPS. On a number of occasions

I needed personnel to move quickly to stay in front of the protesters and block cross traffic at intersections. I witnessed OCB MFF officers double time for blocks in squad formation to beat the demonstrators to crucial tactical locations. Keep in mind the temperatures were in the nineties and these officers were wearing body armor and ballistic helmets. These same officers performed flawlessly when confronted with hostile crowds. On Monday afternoon they moved a hostile crowd with their batons and set the tone for the week. Monday night OCB personnel, in conjunction with OSB MFF officers working for Lt. Doug Young and OVB MFF officers working at the direction of Lt. Adam Bercovici, worked alongside personnel from Metropolitan Division and many dedicated MFF personnel dispersing a large crowd. Portions of that crowd chose to test the resolve of our personnel to keep the peace. Our officers were pelted with rocks, bottles, and urine. Some were sprayed with O.C. The anarchists learned quickly that our officers were unrelenting professionals who had sworn to protect life and property. The crowd was quickly dispersed by officers who demonstrated the discipline of true law enforcement professionals.

The list of individuals and groups who made this event a success is long. Central Area's Bicycle unit proved their value early on. They provided blocking forces often to give the officers on foot a break. Motor Strike Team officers from all over the city once again demonstrated their versatility and value during their many bus movements and their turns as blocking forces. OCB vice personnel supplied valuable intelligence information on the movement and plans of the anarchists; and Air Support Division personnel supplied critical real time updates on crowd movement and demeanor, and finally the hundreds of other officers that supported this effort at their fixed post positions or from their black and whites. Each and every officer was an important part of the plan.

So often we rank-and-file officers are quick to criticize our managers and leaders. Yet when they succeed they are rarely acknowledged. Commander Tom Lorenzen and his staff spent untold hours putting together the operations plan that led us to success. Commander Sharon Papa and Chief Peggy York demonstrated the leadership to support months of training of OCB MFF personnel. Chief Parks' message was clear—do what is right. He would support action and wanted leadership.

Many times during the events of the week things were tense and could have gone either way. During those times I saw a number of our staff officers in the street. Commanders Leap and Lorenzen, Chief Pomeroy and Chief Parks each appeared. Each time they were present they did not take over and were never critical. They stood back and were completely supportive of the incident commanders.

The LAPD is full of men and women who are leaders, yet during this event I met an individual who truly should be recognized for his leadership example. I had never met this man prior to the DNC and I knew little about him. I watched him march in protest after protest in the same helmet and heat that each of his officers was subject to. He was mild-mannered and supportive, and had no problem telling a protester or media personality to move on. The thing that was so impressive is that this man is 69 years old and a 39-year veteran of this organization. Chief Maurice Moore walked with us every day and made sure we had food and water. He has truly raised the bar of leadership and should be appropriately recognized.

I am extremely proud of the men and women of this great organization. They have brought the shine back to the badge that we all hold so dearly.

Respectfully,

Lt. Bob Green, Rampart Area

As a former Los Angeles Police Officer it sickens me to see the officers of this department continuously get battered from within and out... I hope things change for the better soon. Don't listen to the politicians and keep your heads up. I have watched the DNC coverage and I am so proud to see the way you have been handling this difficult job.

I commend all of you out there, and yes I even commend the command staff. The planning, command presence and execution has been superb.

Sincerely,

**Rafael Dagnesses, President/CEO
CyberHomeSale.com.**

Just to share my opinion with out, LAPD did an outstanding job during the DNC. They are a police department that Orange County is very proud of.

Mike Roach, Motor Officer, Placentia PD

Retired after 30 years. Good to see the true troops of LAPD out doing the job they were hired to do. All those who bitch about the job you are doing don't have a clue what it's like to wear the "BLUE." They want the job done, but they don't want to SEE how it's done. Good luck to you guys and gals. You look very professional on TV. You all make me proud to say I once served the organization.

**John Murphy, Dill, "Rampart"
(And extremely proud of it)
No1Sleuth@aol.com**

To all of the men and women of the LAPD. I am a private citizen who would like to let you know that I think you are doing a GREAT job in Los Angeles. It really bothers me when all you hear is they did not work fast enough, i.e., the L.A. Lakers, or they were too aggressive, i.e., DNC convention. I challenge all of those critics to walk a mile in any one of your shoes and have balloons full of urine thrown at them, or to be out in that heat with no vacations and 12-hour shifts. The people who say those things are always the ones trying to stir up problems. I commend you on your efforts. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

Linda Welburn, Fullerton, CA

During the Democratic National Convention (DNC) I was assigned to the Special Operations Group (SOG). My duties consisted of responding to DNC-related incidents along with five Mobile Field Forces (approximately 400 officers) assigned to SOG. During our 12 plus hour shifts, the officers were scheduled to eat inside the Convention Center cafeteria. This required a complete security check of the officers and their vehicles. The officers complained that the process was too time consuming. In addition, these highly trained, motivated officers did not want to be eating in a cafeteria and possibly miss a mission. Although the security procedures were modified to reduce the amount of time, the activity increased that made eating at the Convention Center cafeteria not a viable option.

At this time I contacted my wife, Ramona Voge, who is also the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Police Relief Association (LAPRA). When advised of our predicament, she immediately emptied all of the sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks from the Parker Center Canteen and fed at least 30 hungry officers. Ramona then contacted Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) Director Ken Hillman and advised him of our situation. The League, like Relief, quickly swung into action and transported chips and beverages to the officers in the field. For the next three days, Police Relief donated 300 sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks to the Mobile Field Forces. League Directors responded to the field and delivered pizzas, chips and drinks to the officers. The League also contracted a Carl's Jr. hamburger truck and provided hot lunches to the officers at the Tactical Operations Center.

On behalf of all of the Mobile Field Force officers assigned to the Special Operations Group, I would like to personally thank LAPRA Executive Director Ramona Voge, LAPPL Director Ken Hillman, and all of the LAPPL directors who responded to the field to feed hungry officers. There is no doubt that the Department shined throughout the DNC. Part of this credit has to be attributed to the organizations that supported our efforts like LAPRA and the LAPPL and to them and their Board of Directors we owe our gratitude.

Sincerely,

Captain Jim Voge, Narcotics Division

Thanks for Being There

You know who you are. I don't have to name you because you have been busy in downtown L.A. the last four days. All of us down there have seen you and we know who you are.

You are the women and men who wore dark blue, brown, and black uniforms. You wore helmets, bulletproof vests, and itchy-scratchy wool shirts during the hottest week so far this year. You also stood in formation for hours during your expanded 12-hour tour of duty. One of your leaders panted from the heat as I spoke with him. I can only guess how you felt covered with all of your protective gear.

I watched your faces as your black and white police vehicles sped down the narrow streets with the sound of blaring sirens bouncing off the nearby buildings. I watched as you rushed on foot to create a new line of defense or head off chanting activists as they disrupted traffic. Some of you looked so weary. Many of you had frowns of anxiety etched across your faces.

No matter what anyone says, you were there for me Tuesday when I joined the protest by veterans and their friends across from Staples Center. All of us showed our concern about the demise of V.A. benefits here and across the nation. We were too engrossed in the proceedings to notice our surroundings, but you were there and didn't miss anything. You stopped everything and asked who had left a bag unattended in the lot. Fortunately, it belonged to a vet, but what if it had been left by an anti-war protester seeking to do harm against those who had already paid the price?

All of you in law enforcement, federal agencies, CHP, Sheriff's, and especially the LAPD, who have been through so much recently, I say thank you. The Police Commission may have been remiss in issuing parade permits, the MTA lacking in informing riders of bus route changes, and Staples Center at fault for not having more protest space, but you were perfect. Thanks again, God bless, and get your much-needed rest.

Michael P. Rives, Los Angeles, CA

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

EODD

Recruitment

by Officer John Collyer
EODD Recruitment Section

July was a very busy and successful month here in the Recruitment Section. The month started with Officers **Keith Aulick** and **Allynn Simmons** in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Officers Aulick and Simmons were featured guests on the local morning talk radio show. They received numerous calls from prospective candidates who were interested in testing for the Los Angeles Police Department. After their on-air interview, they attended the Fort Carson and Pikes Peak Community College Job Fair. The turnout in Colorado was great and when the test results were tabulated, 92% of the applicants had passed.

In mid-July, Lead Recruiter **Joe Ferreira** headed a team of officers to canvass and test in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Officers Ferreira, **Simmons**, **Danny Chao** and Comm. **Kelepez** canvassed in Pennsylvania while Officer **Jess Morales** and myself simultaneously canvassed in Newark, New Jersey. We all worked long hours concentrating our efforts at local colleges and universities. We were overwhelmed by the amount of support and interest our recruitment campaign had generated. During this one-week period, we administered the written test to 345 candidates.

At the end of July, Officers Ferreira, Aulick, **Lin Hom**, myself and Sgt. **Kara Silverstein** canvassed Washington, D.C., in addition to the surrounding states of Maryland and Virginia. We concentrated a lot of our time recruiting at numerous military installations. There was a lot of interest generated in the D.C. area. Several local television affiliates, newspapers and radio stations attended our events which generated a lot of positive pub-

licity and interest. We tested 106 candidates and the pass rate was an impressive 92%.

For the month of July, the written test was administered to 582 out-of-town candidates with a success rate of 82%. Locally in Los Angeles, the written test was administered to 384 candidates with a success rate of 21%.

Our out-of-state recruitment efforts have been very successful in attracting qualified candidates to test for the Department. We have stepped up our recruitment locally to address the low turnout in Los Angeles. Four different television commercials featuring Los Angeles Police Officers from various patrol divisions have been airing throughout Southern California. Additionally, we have been advertising on local radio. Our unit has spent a lot of time at various job fairs, community events, colleges and military installations throughout California to attract interest.

We will resume our mobile testing in September. We will be in Oakland between September 18th and the 24th, New Orleans between September 17th and the 24th, Cleveland/Cincinnati/Columbus between September 27th and October 8th, Seattle/Tacoma/Spokane/Pullman from October 1st and the 15th, Chicago between October 15th and October 22nd, San Antonio/Houston from October 22nd and the 29th, Minneapolis between November 12th and the 19th, and the Massachusetts area in early November. The exact dates and locations of the test sites will be posted online at www.lapdonline.org under the recruitment section.

Recruitment is everyone's responsibility and the most effective recruiters are the men and women of this department who are patrolling in black and whites daily. Encourage any prospective candidates to take the written test. Remember to give them a "Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program" card. If they get hired, this card will land you an easy \$200. For additional information, call us at (800) 954-0321 or come by our office at 6464 Sunset Blvd., #820 in Hollywood.



TRANSIT RAIL

by Officer Robert Peters
Transit Rail Division

Okay, for those of you who have noticed (i.e., those of you without a real life), I have not written an article for the Blue Line in a couple of months. But, due to popular demand (and the grace of a Board of Rights), I am back to entertain and inform.

One of the truly challenging things about writing for the Blue Line is that you are always writing for the month to come. In other words, by the time you read this all of the really interesting and exciting things that are about to happen will already have happened, and I won't be able to write about them for another month.

Not that any of you out there really care, but I thought I'd let you in on that little editorial secret.

Anyways...

Did Somebody Say "Convention?"

However, due to good intelligence, good preparation and training, and an AMAZING response to the "Rage Against Good Sense" concert, the LAPD kept the peace and actually came out of this one without much room for our ever-vigilant critics to throw stones. Of course, the main reason those things didn't get out of hand? Good, hard police work from our brothers and sisters in blue throughout the city, and the ability to remain professional in the face of constant verbal abuse, provocation and general knuckle-headedness.

Good job to all involved. We did ourselves proud.

TRD Rules the Mud Run!

Sherman set the way-back machine for two months ago... ready? Do you remember when I wrote that TRD would have three teams in the Mud Run?? Okay, try two and an extra guy named "Ed."

Yeah, like their namesakes, the TRD Baseheads shrugged off societal responsibilities and pulled a gigantic no-show to the Mud Run. One officer had "military" duty (something about the government reactivating him and sending him to Kosovo, or something if

he didn't go). Another officer said his kids were sick, but he tends to spend a lot of time on the golf course... so you do the math. A third officer said he wasn't going if all the others weren't gonna be there, and the fourth claimed that his dog had been abducted and "probed" by aliens. I believe him.

So, this lone runner named "Ed" (Ed Pigao, to his friends) hooked up with another team (Harbor Division) that was short a man, and... "Ed" was on the winning team. Unbelievable.

I'd congratulate the team from Harbor, but I've been busy packing for Kosovo.

Also in the run, and finishing second overall, was our own Transit Group "Fast" team consisting of **Tony Ochoa**, **Jesse West**, **Ramiro Capa**, **Nathan Kouri**, and **Marco Morales**. Marco, who is a 12-year veteran of the LAPD, runs religiously and is often seen running through Rampart Division in the mornings. (Somebody oughta send that man for a psych-review.)

Congratulations go out to the "fast" team. Evidently there was some dispute as to whether they truly finished second or possibly first? I don't know... I wasn't there.

Outta There!

Let me give a shout out to my homies. Okay, my sergeants, anyway.

Sgt. **Janice Hart**, who joined our ranks during the LAPD/MTA merger a few years back is moving on to South Traffic Division. Sgt. Hart has been a valuable asset to Transit Rail Division and has assisted officers greatly with her knowledge of the transit system. She will be missed, but we wish her well in her future endeavors with the LAPD.

Sgt. **Teri Akune** is also leaving us. Teri is a veteran of Metro, 77th, and now the other Metro. She's been an outstanding supervisor here and will be an asset to any division she chooses to visit in the future. For now, though, she's headed to Pacific as a sergeant in the LAX detail. Good luck to you, Sarge.

Catcher's Mitt

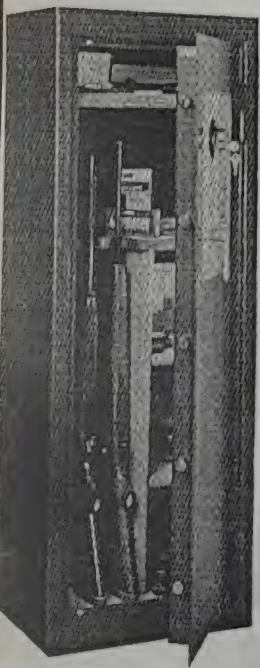
Congratulations to **Anthony** and **Susana Chavez**! Another LEO was born on August 20 at 0941 as Michael Joseph Chavez joined the world. A healthy 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Michael J. Chavez is healthy, and mom and pop are home enjoying their new son.

Next Month...

... looks pretty much the same as this month. I'm looking forward to it. So until next time, don't touch the third rail.

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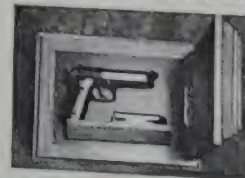
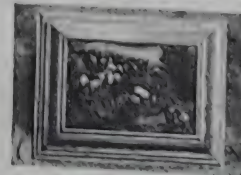
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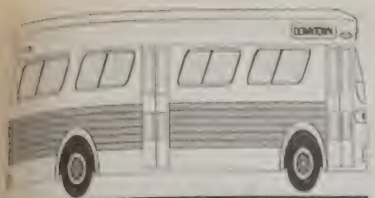


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TRANSIT BUS

by Lupita Ananiz
Transit Bus Division

Hello there from your divisional editor. Well, summer has almost come to an end, although the heat would indicate differently. I am so ready for cooler afternoons! I hope everyone has recuperated from the DNC. I think I lost five pounds from that



When all else fails bring in reinforcements! GIRL POWER!!!! Officers M. Lynch, J. Garcia, S. Pierce, L. Alaniz, R. Thornton, and L. Rodgers.

unforgettable week. It was like being in a sauna with riot gear. If it weren't for cookie man (Officer Ken Lau), I'm sure we would have all starved.

I think the most enjoyable part about the DNC was the people watching. I've never seen so many areas where you get pierced. OUCH! Still, I'm glad it's over and scheduled my vacation for after the DNC.

Although we stood at 12th and Flower for 13 hours a day, we kept a smile on our faces. We not only managed to keep the delegates and visitors of Los Angeles safe, we took a few moments to take a few photos and strut our stuff. You look marvelous!

Arrest of the Month

On August 25, 2000, Officers A. Downs and B. Mossie responded to a radio call of a 211 at Jumbo's Clown Room. During their investigation, they were advised by the owner that he observed his employee punching a patron numerous times in the face during a domestic argument. As they were en route to Hollywood station, they observed the suspect in his vehicle described in the report. Downs and



Officers L. Rogers, M. Lynch (superstar!), S. Pierce, M. Gordon, M. Reina, and D. Villareal.

injuries to the officers. The suspect was arrested and booked for 273 PC. Good observations, guys.

New Stork Arrivals

Congratulations to Sgt. Edward Hale and his wife on their new baby girl, Judy Olivia Hale. Judy was born on August 23, 2000, and weighed in at a whopping 8 pounds. Officer Adam Altamirano is also a proud father of a new baby girl. Lorena Altamirano was born on August 16, 2000, at 2:25 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces. Well guys, welcome to the world of insomnia, but I'm sure you're both well aware of that already.

All in the Family

Congratulations to Officers Elva Jimenez and Robert Coats on their recent marriage. On Sept. 7, 2000, Elva and Robert exchanged vows in Las Vegas, Nevada. We can't wait to see pictures so that we can enjoy the moment with you both.

Well guys, that's one more girl off the market. Best of luck to you both.

Exiting Transit Bus Division

Farewell to Officers M. Fiola and J. Pritchett. Finally, you've been absorbed by mainstream of LAPD. Central Division. You can look forward to more than one radio call at a time and the suspect still be at scene when you arrive. No more chasing moving crimes. Also leaving our friendly division are Officers J. Carroll going to 77th. W. Batista to Newton Division, E. Young to S/E Division, and J. Meilleur to VTD. Good luck to you all and be safe.

Boarding Bus #30

Welcome Officer C. Quintero from NHWD. It's always nice to see new faces here at Transit Bus. Also new to Transit is Ken Tran from CID, joining our civilian troops. Well guys, we hope you enjoy your tour here.

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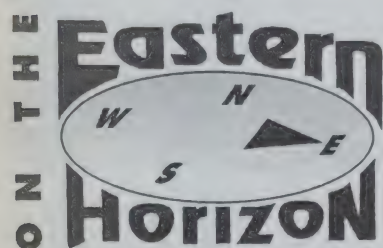
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy Halloween everyone. May the first month of Fall find you in great spirits and in close proximity to your loved ones as we approach the holiday season.

Retirement Announcement and Bash Notification

As some of you may already know, our great friend and colleague, **Richard "Teddy Bear" Jimenez**, has decided to pull the plug. Although he has actually been gone for a couple of months, we have had some scheduling conflicts and have been unable to give him the send-off that he so deservedly needs. I am happy to announce that we now have a final date and location for his much-anticipated retirement party. Those of you that have inquired may now make plans to be at Steven's Steak House on Friday, October 20th, to assist us in sending Teddy Bear into retirement leisure by giving him a retirement bash to remember. For tickets or information, please see **Jaime "The Happy Indian" Garcia** in the CRO office or **George "Mr. Personality" Gonzalez** in the Problem Solving Unit. Hope to see you all there.

Stork Arrival

I am happy to announce that **Maria Roubos** is now the proud mama of a beautiful baby girl. Little **Alexis Breanna Roubos** made her presence known on August 16th at precisely 1118 hours, when she arrived weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 20

inches in length. I promised Maria I wouldn't make any jokes (about Arnold



New arrival Alexis Breanna Roubos.

and all) so I won't. Maria, congratulations on your family addition and best of luck in the future.

...And Yet More Baby News

Another newborn arriving in this world with great fanfare is little **Jake Richard Bertoldo**. Baby Jake was born on July 26th at 2326 hours (that's 11:26 p.m. for you civilians). Jake came in at a whopping 9 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 22 inches in length. Wow, that's a future linebacker in the making. Dad, **Officer Richard Bertoldo**, is extremely thrilled with his new bundle of joy and very proud. Congratulations.

A Belated Baby Announcement

I know, another baby announcement! Hey, what can I tell you? This is what Hollenbeckers do best. I have one more that I neglected to report on a few issues back, so here it is. Baby **Gerardo David Terrazas**, son of **Officer Gerardo Terrazas**, was born in the great city of Pomona on Tuesday, February 1st at 2:26 p.m. Little Gerardo tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches in length. It's been a

while, so in the picture you see here Gerardo is now weighing 19 pounds and measuring 27-1/2 inches. I guess he is progressing properly and growing like every baby should. Gerardo, congratulations to you and your wife. Mercy, on your beautiful and healthy child.

Just to make this an all-baby issue, I am enclosing an updated picture of **Dominic Counts** and his son, **Vincente**.

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to **Det. Dwayne Fields** on his promotion to Detective III. Dwayne is now a table master at **Hollenbeck Detectives**. Dwayne, congratulations on your well-deserved promotion.

Welcome

A big Hollenbeck welcome is extended to **Capt. A. Michelena**, who comes to us via RHD, where he was a Lt. II. **Capt. Michelena**, congratulations on your promotion and welcome to Hollenbeck. We also welcome **Sgt. R. Garcia** who joins us from Southeast, where she was a detective. **Det. E. Garcia** is also here from Southeast, while **Det. H. Baeza** is now also a Hollenbeck resident. Big welcomes also go out to **Det. T. Bobon** and **P-2 O. Villa**, in from Personnel. We also say hello to **P-2s M. Arteaga, P. Metoyer, and A. Mayer-Tucker**. Last, but certainly not least, we have two probationers eager to get trained by Hollenbeck's fine training officers. They are: **J. Dawoudi** (common spelling) and **F. Evans**. Welcome to Hollenbeck and



Gerardo David Terrazas.



Proud dad Dominic Counts and baby Vicente.

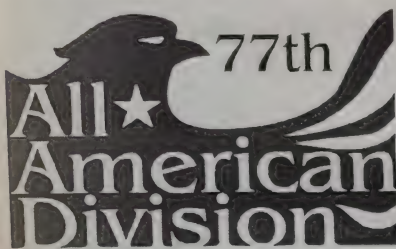
may your stay here be a memorable one.

Hasta La Vista

Leaving Hollenbeck in the proverbial search for greener pastures is **Capt. M. Smith**, who is now a **Capt. II** and wearing patches at **South Traffic Division**. **Det. M. Teague** is now assigned to **Juvenile Division**. **W. Fallon** decided to hang up his sergeant stripes and return to the easy life of a detective and is now assigned to **77th Division**. **Det. N. Hernandez** is at **Wilshire Division** while **Candice "Sweet Candy" Hensley** is now working **TRSG**. **P-2 H. Corral** is now a buckethead and chasing traffic violators at **VTD**. **P-2 J. Leone** is now patrolling the streets of **Devonshire** and **Pat Montes** is now in the building at **DHD**. **Karen Zuniga** is now at **BAD** while **Rick "Big Head" Sanchez** is at **Narcotics Division**. **P. Higa** has graduated to **P-2** and is now at **Devonshire**. **A. Bone** is now protecting the beach residents at **Pacific Division**. Finally, **T. Greep** is doing a stint at **IAG** and **R. Santos** is at **TD**. Good luck to all of you in your new respective assignments.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to **Property Officer Robert "Yoda" Martinez**. Now, there's a wise, bald man.



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

If You Want to Live Like a Republican, You Have to Vote Democratic

Having the Democrats in town no doubt brought a new police presence to 77th Street. During August 14-17, 2000, the city of Los Angeles hosted the Democratic National Convention. This historic event gave the members of the



Officer of the Watch Art Yanez, trying to convince Officer Adriana de los Santos that "It's a good job..."

LAPD an opportunity to show the world that Los Angeles is indeed a safe place to visit. **Sgt. Rudy Alaniz**, #26356 (South Bureau Mobile Field Force), provided me with some very interesting facts regarding this event.

First off, our Mobile Field Force would like to thank **Sgt. Smith** and his training staff from Metro for giving them the tools that enabled them to come out on top. Thanks to **Lieutenant Doug Young** (O.I.C./A. Watch) and **Sgt. Lee** (Assistant O.I.C.) for allowing (A) watch to be in a position to help disperse the unruly crowds. These two supervisors provided the leadership and motivation to all of the officers assigned (A) watch. Also to be commended is **Lt. Bob Green** (Rampart Division). The leadership taken by **Lt. Green** on the first day of the convention set the tone for the duration of the convention. The steadfast decision-making inspired all of the officers who were present. There was a look of pride on the faces of these young officers who had never experienced dispersing an unruly, large crowd. The officers stood their ground and continued their march to restore order. The three days that were spent running in the hot sun from location to location was all worth the experience of having a leader lead from the front and not from the rear. They, along with the citizens of L.A., experienced what a true leader can accomplish when given the opportunity to lead without interference. All efforts are to be admired and respected. The sun is shining once again on the LAPD. As **Sgt. Smith** from Metro

would say, "It was a good day in L.A.!"

On August 19th, 2000, **PIII Roger Lewis** #14017 was honored for his (28) years of service to the LAPD. **Officer Lewis** did not want a retirement party, but there was no way he was going to leave without some recognition! **Sergeant Mike Pytel** of our training unit was his supervisor, and he respected his wishes to a certain extent. **Sergeant Pytel** brought together some of the officers that were a part of **Roger's** career from the start, **major O.G.'S** (retired and active) and honored some of us younger "time on the job" 77th



Officer Roger Lewis and his wife Corrine.

Street Officers. This whole event was sincerely complimented by his family. **Roger** is a dedicated "grandfather" and "family man," and so it goes without



77th Street O.G.'s—Snoopy Smith (retired), Rich Coates, Merle Raymond and honoree, Roger Lewis.

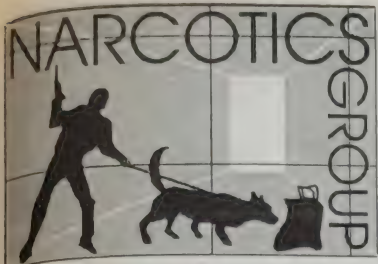
saying that this event was definitely family oriented!

The beautiful thing about this party was that **Roger** had no idea. He thought he was attending a shooting match that his brother-in-law was participating in. Prior to the shooting match, there was to be a picnic at the Harbor range, and so **Roger** walked in not having any idea at all as to what was really taking place!

All of the honors given to retirees were bestowed upon **Roger**. He received letters of commendation from city and state dignitaries. He even had a letter from the president (which I proudly presented as a Democrat). The special gift was his "shadow box" which is a memory of his career as a Los Angeles Police Officer.

Great day! **Roger** recovered from his initial shock and a great man was given the recognition deserved! Congratulations my "12A15 Legend."

And so we move on. Continue to make yourself proud and remember that no plan is worth the paper it is printed on unless it starts you doing something. Be safe!



by Dave Dooros
Narcotics Division

Well, I asked for input for the Reporter and I got it. The following poem was anonymously sent for me to submit. For those of you who don't believe that there is a morale problem here in our department, read the poem.

An Officer's Prayer

Dear Lord, give me the strength to serve my community with proficiency and compassion,

Never let me compromise myself from the truth or ignore others that do.

Give me the wisdom and the resources to help others in their time of need.

Allow me to look in the mirror at the End of Watch knowing, despite the media and other purveyors of false information, that I did the right thing.

Grant me the insight to realize that my profession is the most direct and immediate way to serve my community and humanity itself.



Remind me that "PEOPLE" are my business and I am here to serve them with Honor and Respect.

And above all, never, ever allow me to treat another human being the way Chief Parks treats the members of this Police Department. — Anonymous

Events: Morale here at Narcotics is improving as evidenced by the turnout for our recent picnic. On Sept. 6, the academy was visited by over 200 Narcotics personnel celebrating the end of the DNC. The picnic offered good food, drink, and camaraderie. A big thanks goes out to all those that made the day a success.

Capers: The Hollenbeck FES squad was conducting an investigation when they passed by a carport garage and noticed something unusual. No, it wasn't a washed city vehicle nor even a city mechanic actually repairing a city vehicle. It was a suspect dividing and packaging powder cocaine. The suspect looked up and politely waved to the officers who returned the gesture. When he found out they were the police and not gang members coming to steel his car, he said he was relieved. Someone forgot to tell him that where he's going he won't be needing his car. The squad recovered approximately 1.5 pounds of coke during the ensuing investigation.

Ins/Outs/Ups

Narcotics loses D-3 Rich Demartino who heads to Southeast as a lieutenant, D-IIs Kathy Crone and David Crew are off to Southwest and Van Nuys, respectively, as sergeants. D-1s Andrew Kleinick and Joe Harris made D-II at IAG and Rampart.

Leaving the department in retirement mode are D-IIs James Day, Richard Elliot, Chuck Melvin, and Patrick Dammeier, D-I Michael Sullivan, and P-III Rupert Miley. Leaving the department in his prime is P-II Keith Krallman of Harbor's squad.

Within Narcotics several P-IIs added stripes to their sleeves last month. Our new P-IIs are Nancy Amoroso, John Ashpaugh, Eric Baker, Vito Ceccia, Dan Diaz, Marlin Hill, Dante Palacio, Julius, Robin Richards, and Pedro Rodriguez. Detective promotions included D-IIs Fred Davis, Roger Gilbert, and Richard Hoefel who all made D-III, and D-1s Jeff Barstow, Theresa Coyle, Mike Neel, and Helen Papietro who made D-II.

Narcotics welcomes new arrivals D-I Daniel Armand, P-IIs Serafin Rodriguez, Ricard Sanchez, John Zamora, Gina Chovan, and P-IIs Luis Gasca, Raymond Olivas, Trevor Larsen, Greg McManus, and Richard Burillo.

K-9 Has Moved

The K-9 squad, a long-time resident of the Lake Street facility, has moved.



by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Post "DNC"

Well, it appears that everyone managed to survive the Democratic National Convention! Wasn't it a treat? I heard many exciting stories about the crowds, the pandemonium, disorganization, and organization. I was also informed about the wonderful "catered food" enjoyed by all who staffed the event. Glad everyone survived, and let's hope there's not another here for another 40 years!

Pacific Area Open House

We would like to let everyone know about the Pacific Area Open House event, which is being held on October 28, 2000. It will run from 12:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m., and have many exciting booths and activities. There will also be station tours conducted throughout the day. Come out and mingle! Hope to see you there!

Make a Difference, L.A.

Make a Difference, L.A. kicked off Monday, September 4, 2000, and runs through October 31, 2000. The event kicked off with a children's book collection drive, which ran through the month of September. (Though the month is over, you can still donate. Bring any books you choose to donate to Pacific Area Station.) October's campaign is to participate in a beautification project, a community garden, or a neighborhood food drive. Pacific Area has selected to promote the beautification project and the neighborhood food drive. The beautification project is taking place here at Pacific Area Station. With the assistance of Volunteer Julio Paige and a local nursery, we have collected many plants, shrubbery and flowers to place around the station to help beautify the exterior appearance of the facility. A canned food drive has been organized, with "drop off" barrels located at Pacific Area Station, and the Boys and Girls Club of Venice. In addition, there will be a "one can of food donation" requested for admission to this year's Annual Halloween Haunt, which will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2000. Please help to make this year's event successful. Even you can "Make a Difference."

Annual "Halloween Haunt"

Don't forget about the annual Halloween Haunt here at Pacific Area. The haunt is put on by the Pacific Area Deputy Auxiliary Police Services (DAPS) and Pacific Area Boosters Association, and considered a "safe haven" for the kids in the community. It has been a very successful event, enjoyed by people from all around. Though there is no monetary fee for admission, this year Pacific Area Station is asking for a one can of food donation for admission to the event. This donation is in conjunction with the "Make a Difference, L.A." campaign, which is collecting canned food to be distributed to homeless shelters and needy families. One can of food can feed many hungry children who may otherwise not eat at night. Please join in the fun, join the cause. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who have recently been promoted: Capt. Bill Williams to PAC OSD, Lt. II Jeri Weinstein who went to IAG, Sgt. Burris who went to SW, Det. Eisenhart who went to WVAL, P-3s Lowe and Marroquin who remain at PAC, and P-3s Blake and Moreno (LAX) who both went to TD. Best wishes to everyone!

Movin' In

We welcome the following people who have recently transferred to Pacific: Lt. Nielsen in from CTD, Sgt. McKechnie in from HARB, Sgt. Correa in from SE, Sgt. Stahl in from WVAL, Sgt. Pompano in from JD-MET, Sgt. Akune in (to LAX) from TRD, Det. Inabu in from HARB, Det. Thomas in from SW, Officer Gordon over from WIL, Officer Perez in from NE, Officer Pappas in from PER, Officer Cruz in from SE, Officers Castaneda and Jacobus in from 77th, Officer Bone in from HOBK, Officer Bridges over from VNYS, Officer Hankins in (to LAX) from WTD, and new P-1s Pheng, Villanueva and Hernandez.

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who have recently left Pacific: CRO Sgt. Kite went to Club DEV (Good luck!), Sgt. Brooks went to CED, Sgt. Hom went to JD-MET, Sgt. Costley went to MSD, Sgt. Brown went to RAMP, Officer Zambon went to HARB, Officer Goddard went to SW, Officer Adams (LAX) went to CRS, Officer Lathrop (LAX) went to DSD, Officer Williams went to SE, Officer Wilson went to SW, and Officer Sanchez went to WTD. Good luck to you all!

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by Chuck Hicks
Southeast Division

As many of you know, Officer **Randy Goens'** wife, Dionne, passed away on August 29, 2000. Dionne lost her long battle with cancer. On September 2, 2000, a memorial service was held in which numerous officers

On September 6, 2000, three officers from Southeast were awarded the Medal of Valor. These officers showed tremendous courage and personal sacrifice in the **Brian Brown** shooting. The officers awarded the Medal of Valor were Officers **Dominguez, McCoy** and **Thompson**. If you see them in the hall or in the locker room, give them a slap on the back. They deserve it. We also have five other officers working in Southeast who have been awarded the Medal of Valor in the past. They are Officer **Pinzon**, Sgt. **Zarcon**, Sgt. **Mendoza**, Det. **Bill Smith** and Det. **Tsunawaki**.

Well, as you might have noticed, you have a new divisional writer. So if you know of any good capers, births or any



Pershing Square, August 17, 2000—Demonstrator with Sgt. Jeff Hamilton, Officers Kim, Cortez and Lee.

from Southeast attended to pay their respects. Randy now must raise three children on his own. I'm sure it will be tough, but Randy, if you need any help, your family at Southeast will be there for you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Well another summer is behind us, and what a busy one it was. I think we can give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done this summer. Many times there were nights with six or seven shootings within a 30-minute or less time period. We set up the crime scene, got it under control and moved on to the next one. Because of our teamwork and professionalism we did not have other divisions handling our division. So job well done!

For those who attended the Southeast summer party, thank you for the turnout. For those of you who did not attend, you missed out on some good fun. We had a great barbecue, headed up of course by Phil Thompson. To all the people who worked hard to plan and organize the picnic, special thanks and good job!

other good stuff, let me know. Also, I need pictures, so if you go to an event or have any funny picture of an officer, let me have them so I can put them in the monthly article.

Now on to who's coming and who's going out of Southeast. Coming in: Lt. **I Demartino** from Narcotics, Det. **I Blount** from Newton, Sgt. **Oddo** from Hollywood, P.O. **II Williams** from Pacific, P.O. **II Moskovin** from West L.A., and P.O. **I Canales**. Going: Lt. **Katona** to South Bureau, Officer **Correa** to Pacific as a Sgt. I, Sgt. **Nunez** to CTD, Sgt. **Arnett** to Wilshire, Officer **Zamora** to Narcotics Division, Officer **Keyzer** to North Hollywood as a P.O. III, Officer **Colomey** to Training Division, Officer **Zucker** to Wilshire as a P.O. III, Officer **Sanchez** to DARE, and Officer **Larsen** to Narcotics Division. Good luck in your new assignments.

Well, that is all for this month. Remember, if you want anything printed in the Divisional Reporter, let me know. Well, be safe and keep on keeping on.

1 Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes
Northeast Division

From Sunday, August 13th, through Thursday, August 17th, the LAPD handled every situation it encountered during the DNC 2000 as well as it could have been handled. The policing of the DNC 2000 was as effective as it was because everyone did their job. The small jobs were taken care of by good, quality LAPD personnel. The big jobs were taken care of by good, quality LAPD personnel, perhaps with maybe a few more personnel than the smaller jobs. I'm not just talking sworn personnel. I'm also talking about our very valuable civilian and Reserve personnel. People can say what they want

Juan Amancio, Mike Belmonte Sliced Peaches, Jesse as the Crowe Flies, Lenny Davis Cup, Julio Duarte California, Lance Dyer Maker, Stephen Can You Hahm a Few Notes, Claudia Please Don't Feed the Lamas, James A Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss, Robert Reynolds Wrap, Yosemite Sam Salazar, Rollin Down the River Secret, Cynthia Let's Grab Some Chow, and Leo Yo Soy El Rey.

Baker to Vegas 2001

The enclosed photo depicts the Northeast Division Running Team after a recent run. This Baker to Vegas Running Team is a record-setting team because there are only seven runners. They feel they have a psychological advantage on the other running teams by using some team members to run up to three different legs. It will be the first time in Baker to Vegas history that a team comprised of only seven members runs the entire 120-mile course. I've seen them training and they are quite impressive. Team members include (back row): **Stan Lemelle**, **Art Sandoval**, **Pat Metoyer**; (front row):



Northeast Running Team

about us (and they usually do), but they can't say that we didn't do one helluva job. On behalf of everyone at the Northeast Division, we tip our caps to all of you for showing everyone what I've known all along. You are the best!

Retired But Not Forgotten

Joe Writer, #17250, and **Robbie McIntosh**, #22079, have decided that it is time to start new careers. They are both officially retired.

Joe Writer, prior to his recent promotion to sergeant, was a tenured senior lead officer. He was a dedicated S.L.O. who took his work very seriously and was a tireless worker. Joe was also quite an athlete who had the rare ability to compete in the Department's three major sports: football, basketball and softball.

Robbie McIntosh was one of the division's more valuable P-3s. Robbie was last assigned to the Northeast Training Cadre. He was very instrumental in the quality training days that Northeast had. Robbie's dedication to his fellow officers was evident in his quality of work which benefitted all of his peers.

The over 50 years of experience that Northeast is losing can never be replaced. We thank you for your hard work, your friendships, the good times and the many memories. We wish you and your families many days and nights of good times. We hope you have good health and that you both draw at least 50 years of pension.

The Name Game

I've taken the names of some select Northeast personnel and altered them slightly. The alterations were not aimed at anyone in particular and were not meant to anger anyone. The list includes: **Rick Los Angeles**, **Holly Do You Averback** or Two, A Million to

Joe Perez, **Doris Solis**, **Ana Yelez** and **Liz Estupinian**.

Bouncing Bundle of Joy

Congratulations to **Ana Velez** and her husband on the birth of their daughter, **Tatiana Velez**. Tatiana was born on August 4th, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 22 inches in length. All three are doing well, but only one of them is getting good sleep.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following personnel on their recent promotions and best of luck on your new assignments: **P3 Holly Averback** to Det. I (NHWD), **D-II Paul Hinton** to Det. III (remains), and **P2 Eric Jackson** to P3 (remains).

Adios

Det. **Robert Lewis** to West L.A. Division and Officer **Pat Metoyer** to Hollenbeck Division. Best of luck to both of you on your new assignments.

Bienvenidos

Sgt. **Edgar** from Wilshire Division, Sgt. **Ponce** from Newton Division, Sgt. **Perez** from Rampart Division, Officer **Popper** from South Bureau, Officer **Wallace** from South Bureau, Det. **Morris** from Devonshire, and Probationary Officers **Carney** and **Wendland** from Training Division. Welcome to your new home away from home.

The Family Feud

Jesus Plascencia of the Northeast Special Enforcement Unit was recently a guest on the Family Feud. I heard that Jesus was pretty impressive and had all the right answers. I have only one question—Why did host **Louie Anderson** ask Jesus never to come back on his show?

That about wraps it up for now. Take care of yourself and see ya next month.

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The Wild* Wild West

by Tony Valadez
West Valley Division

Hello West Valley!! The DNC is finally over. I hope everyone was able to get as much overtime as possible. I know I did. So, what is everyone going to spend all that money on? Are you gonna buy a boat, a car, any new water toy, or how about a home theater system? After taxes and other deductions, our new-found riches may not go as far as expected. Whatever you spend the money on, have fun with it.

The "Battle of Los Angeles"

Well, we were all prepared, maybe over-prepared, for the Democratic National Convention. All we heard on the news, in the papers, and on the Internet were that the anarchists were going to turn Los Angeles into another Seattle riot. I had a first person view of "the battle of L.A.," as Rage Against the Machine called it.

All of us assigned to downtown waited patiently, then impatiently, for "our fight." Actually, we're still waiting on "our fight." The closest we came was Monday night, August 14, at approximately 1930 hours, at the intersection of Olympic and Figueroa. Our anarchist friends were enjoying a performance by Rage Against the Machine. As the crowd began to "rage" (cement, sign poles, etc. flying over the fence at officers on the other side), every dedicated mobile field force and a few put together with patrol officers (yeah Booth, I know... dinner's on me) assembled at the intersection. The unlawful assembly was announced and time given for our "friends" to disperse.

I guess our "friends" didn't want to leave. A sea of blue surrounded the intersection, as hundreds of officers waited "impatiently." I don't know who

gave the order, but he/she should get a medal. The 37mm's opened up, and as the smoke from the muzzles filled the intersection, I heard the loudest cheer erupt from the hundreds of officers assembled at the intersection. And the race was on. Ten blocks later, we stopped chasing our "friends."

And so ended the "battle for L.A." We hung out for the next four days, caught up on a lot of sleep, and I'm still waiting for "our fight."

The Sports Beat

Lt. **Tim Moss** is leading the LAPD Baseball team onto the field, for the first



"This is what I did at DNC."

time in 25 years. He has a very talented and enthusiastic squad that will be gunning for a medal at next year's police summer games. The Baseball Centurions began their fall season on Sept. 10. Updates to follow. Good luck, Lt. Moss.

Up the Ladder of Success

Congratulations go out to morning watch's own P-3 **Jeff Stahl**. He was finally promoted to sergeant. Sgt. Stahl will be going to Pacific Division. All of us wish Jeff a well-earned congratulation. Good luck, Jeff. P-2 **J. Kim** was also promoted recently. He will be getting his strips over at Wilshire Division. Good luck!!

The Welcome Mat

West Valley would like to extend a warm welcome to Sgt.-I **M. Fentress** (TD), D-3 **L. Gligorijevic** (FTHL),



West Valley Mobile Field Force.

D-Is **J. Manoogian** (Harbor), **L. Lawson** (HWD), and **S. Cabrera** (JUV). P-2s **J. Nuttall** (DARE) and **C. Gallaway** (VNYS).

A Fond Farewell

All of us at West Valley would like to wish the following officers good luck at their new divisions. D-3 **J. Clark** (FTHL), Sgt.-Is **J. Stahl** (PAC) and **W. Heard** (DEV). P-3s **D. Lyons** (FTHL) and **J. Kim** (WIL). P-2s **H. Chairez** (77th), **J. Montijo** (CENT), **L.**

Meier (JUV), and **C. Mayes** (ND). We all hope all of you do well at your new divisions.

Final Thoughts

Hey, rumor has it that a state-line turn around trip is in the works for October. I'm sure you can confirm or deny this rumor with Jackie in the Area Office.

The annual WVAL picnic was held on Sept. 9th. As usual, it was another big success. Anyone with pictures can e-mail them to me at the address below. Intimate details and results of the horseshoe contest will be in next month's issue.

Since I'm on leave, I need YOUR help in getting pictures and information on what is going on at WVAL. Whether it's a cool copper caper, off-duty events, divisional events, pictures (no DBs please), baby/family news, sports news, retirements, or anything you may want mentioned, you can call me at home (I'm in the Rolodex) or e-mail me at slo10a75@aol.com. This article is only as good as the information that gets reported.



They ran so fast, we couldn't get a shot off.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Art Rico
Rampart Division

The World Was Watching

The week of August 14-17 the D.N.C. came to town and thousands of news reporters, media, supporters and demonstrators followed, making this city the busiest in the world.

In the late morning of August 16, Rampart Area became the center of attention when several hundred demonstrators arrived in front of the station. News choppers filled the skies, live coverage news vans arrived, and several anxious photographers and cameramen rushed to the front, trying to get that perfect shot.



Officers R. Ford and K. Chavez protecting the station.

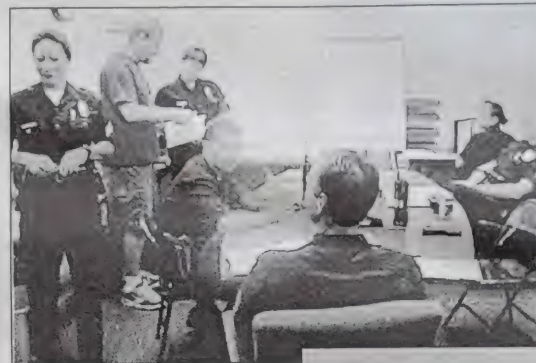
The world was watching! And we're all glad they were!

The world watched how the men and women of Rampart Area alongside officers from other assigned mobile field forces conducted themselves in the utmost professional manner, treating demonstrators with dignity and respect, virtues that officers possess and demonstrate every single day toward the citizens they serve.

Thanks to all those officers for sowing the world who we really are!

Rampart Stands Tall

Rampart Area would like to congratulate and thank all sworn and civilian personnel for their outstanding performance during the D.N.C.



Rampart C.P.

It was not an easy week as you could see those tired eyes in everyone's face by the end of the U.O. However, no one gave up, everyone came to work every day ready to do the job. Whatever assignment you were designated to do, you did it with pride, whether it was working inside, or out in the field, at the desk, or 12 long hours

at a fix post; standing sometimes for several hours under nearly 100 degree temperature.

Everyone had family members worried at home. Some of us went home, having almost no time to spend. A kiss goodnight, and a couple of hours later do it again.

Patrol personnel took that extra time to shine their gear, shine their badge, put on a clean uniform, go to roll call and then stand at attention for the inspection. Everyone looked sharp! Everyone looked proud!

For all the hard work and for making Rampart stand tall, we want to say thank you!

Showing Support

We would also like to thank the Rampart Boosters Association, the Rampart C.P.A.B. members, the C.P.A.B. Summit co-chair Linda Lockwood for all their assistance, contributions and donations during the D.N.C. And, of course, to Bob and Bertha Wooldridge among other things for sending flowers congratulating us.

Last, but not least, thanks to the following "chefs" who put together a feast for the troops in appreciation for all their hard work. Officer **Geno Colello**, Officer **Ruben Cardenas**,



Linda Lockwood feeding the troops.

Officer **Lewis Ford**, Officer **Sean Hart**, Officer **Mike Jones**, Officer **Sue Miller**, Sgt. **"Mando" Perez**, Sgt. **Catherine Riggs** and to Rampart and Hollenbeck volunteers.

Congratulations Corner

Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Gutierrez** proudly announce the arrival of their son, **Dominic James Gutierrez**, born on August 10, 2000 at 1826 hours (8 pounds, 2 ounces, 20 inches). Mom and baby are home doing great!

A brand new baby girl born to **Yvette and Clint Achziger** on August 2, 2000 at 1130 hours. **Valerie Annabelle Achziger** (7 pounds, 0 ounces).

Sgt. **Cassandra Britt-Nickerson** is the proud winner of not one but two gold medals at the last Police Olympics in San Bernardino (Individual Body Builder category and the Overall Body Builder category).

Officer **Chris Merlo** was promoted to Detective and was assigned to Harbor Area.

Sgt. **Glenn Oshea** is proud to obtain dual status. He is now a Detective and will remain at Rampart.

Officer **Robert Calderon** was promoted to Senior Lead Officer.

To all of you, congratulations!

Coming In

Sgt. **C. Brown** from Pacific, Sgt. **J. Ficken** from VTD Motors, Sgt. **B. Warren** from 77th, Det. **J. Harris** from ND, Det. **K. Ferro** from Van Nuys, Det. **C. Lopez** from HWD, Det. **R. Solorza** from 77th, Officer **A. Taylor** from Central, Officer **G. Ramirez** from the Academy and civilian employee **A. Rivas** from RI.

Welcome to Rampart!

Leaving

Sgt. **Nick Aldana** to O.C.B., Sgt. **Rick Baeza** to 77th, Sgt. **J. Kessler** to DEV, Sgt. **A. Perez** to N/E, Sgt. **Julia Vincent** to JUV, Det. **Delber Baker** to FTHL, Det. **Humberto Jaime** to RAD and Det. **Gilbert Zuniga** to N/E.

Good luck in your new assignment!



by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

Commendable Capers

Newton Vice comes to the rescue during the DNC. Newton Vice officers were assigned as scouts and were tasked with the mission of providing intel to the OCB Command Post during the various scheduled and unscheduled (go figure) protests. Our Vice officers looked

so good they were invited to an Anarchist Group meeting. Their performance was so well done (they should have received an Oscar) they were able to provide the Command Post with the complete schedule of the anarchists' planned demonstrations for the week.

Deputy Chief **Moore** commended the Newton Vice officers for a job well done the next day during roll call.

Quality Community Service

Shortly before the start of the DNC, special scout units were assigned to monitor activities such as demonstrations around the Staples Center observed three alleged "anarchists" cruising around in a Volkswagen van. When the van stopped, two of the alleged "anarchists" exited and began to spread paste onto the glass partition of a bus enclosure and began to paste defac-

ing materials. Newton patrol units responded resulting in a traffic stop of the van and its occupants. Three alleged "anarchists" were arrested for vandalism and hundreds of posters encouraging participation in planned "anarchist" demonstrations along with gallons of paste were recovered.

On August 10, 2000, Newton AM Watch Patrol Officers **Larrinua** and **Miller** observed a vehicle commit a traffic violation. They also discovered that the vehicle was stolen. Officers **Larrinua** and **Miller** attempted to conduct a traffic stop. However, the suspects made an attempt to flee and a short pursuit ensued. The driver abandoned the vehicle while it was still moving, leaving his two passengers inside. Officer **Miller**, along with other Newton officers, went in foot pursuit of the driver but were unable to scale the fence as quickly as the suspected GTA suspect.

However, during their investigation a fully loaded TEC-9, 9mm automatic weapon was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. The suspects arrested were admitted 4-tre gang members.

Great job!

New Future Newtonites

Officer **Jerrold Wert's** fiancée, **Samantha Walker**, gave birth to **Mellanie Audrey Wert** on August 16, 2000, 7 pounds, 5 ounces. Officer **Valentino Flores' wife**, **Sol**, gave birth to **Kela Isabel** on August 28, 2000, 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Oops, I missed one. On June 27, 2000, Officer **Luis Carranza's wife**, **Mireya**, gave birth to a baby boy,

Matthew Steven, weighing in at a whopping 10 pounds, 3 ounces. Sorry 'bout the oversight.

Congrats

Congratulations goes to P3+1 **Bill Blount** for his promotion to Detective and heading over to Southeast and P2 **Steve Winter** for his promotion to P3 and heading over to 77th. Finally, P2 **Paul Jordan** for his promotion to P3 here at Newton.

Ins and Outs

A big see ya goes to Sgt. **Diane Ponce** going to Northeast, Sgt. **Al Reyes** checking into Wilshire, Det. **Joe Esuivel** leaving for North Hollywood, Officer **Gina Chovan** checking in over to Narcotics Division, and finally Officer **Sharman** is on the wheel to Devonshire. Good luck to all.

A big welcome goes to Sgt. **Grossman** from 77th, Det. **Dejarnette** from RHD, Det. **Reyes** from TSS, Det. **Solorza** from 77th, Officer **Olivares** from Hollywood, Officer **Batista** from TBD, Officer **Fitzgerald** from Wilshire, and Clerk Typist **Pulley** from Personnel.

Just a Reminder

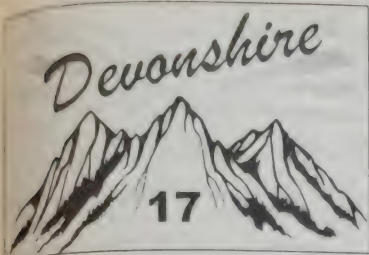
Don't forget the Newton reunion on Friday, October 13th, at the "Original" Academy. It's the 75th.

For more information, call Det. **J. D. Furr** or **Kelle Baitx** at (323) 846-5363 and Det. **Roseira Moreno** at (323) 846-6524.

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by Amanda Chapin
and Fred Cueto
Devonshire Division

Devonshire Officers Recover Narcotics During Arrest of Parolee

On July 15, 2000, the Devonshire Area Day Watch Commander received information that a named suspect had violated his parole and was residing in the 8500 block of Balboa Blvd. At approximately 1030 hours, this information was passed along to Officers Daniel Pinto, #34009, and Richard Moakley, #34292. The officers followed up on the information and responded to the suspect's residence, accompanied by Officer Edgar Vega, #34248.

The officers devised a tactical plan and approached the suspect's residence. The officers door-knocked and a male answered the door but refused to identify himself. The officers questioned him and he admitted that he was in fact the suspect and that he was on parole. The officers requested and obtained consent to search the residence. During the search, the officers recovered nearly 43 grams of methamphetamine and over nine grams of marijuana. They also recovered paraphernalia such as a scale, numerous plastic Baggies, numerous cellular telephones and two cross bows.

The officers made an outstanding arrest and were commended for their investigative skills, initiative and teamwork. The suspect was booked for 12021(A) PC (felon with a gun).

Jane Doe

On August 23, 2000, Homicide Detectives John Flemming, #21564, and Craig Kojima, #32559, were hard at work attempting to solve a homicide of a Jane Doe. They had obtained the victim's decomposed clothing from the coroner's office and were transporting the clothing to the station for further processing. Once at Devonshire Station, they took the victim's clothing upstairs to the helicopter pad to avoid

smelling up the station. They placed the articles of clothing on a hidden intake vent. Unbeknownst to the detectives, the intake vent went straight into the station. The smell was so terrible the Detectives' office and the Administration office had to evacuate. Luckily for them it was close to end of watch. Good job!

Sports Corner

Anyone interested in playing baseball for the Devonshire Department team and also flag football team, contact Officer Cesar Corona (Vice). Teams start in October.

Weddings and Babies

Congratulations to Officer Debbie Ternland, #34498, and her new husband, Brad Remington Myer. They were recently married on August 5, 2000, in New York.

Congratulations to Officer Francois Reese, #35135, and his wife, Rebecca. They are proud parents of Benjamin Nathaniel Reese, born August 21, 2000, at 7:53 p.m., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Congratulations to Officer Louie Lozano, #32100, and his wife, Lisa. They are proud parents of Ivan Diego



Ivan Diego Lozano.

Lozano, born August 5, 2000, at 11:17 a.m., 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Congratulations to Officer Mike Duarte, #33016, and his wife, Christina. They are proud parents of Lucas Tyler Duarte, born August 11, 2000, at 1:50 p.m., 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Congratulations to Officer Darryl Williams, #26347, and his wife,



Kathryn Suellen Williams, 6 lbs. 11 oz., born 7/7/00.



Father Officer Ryan White, mom Mindi White and baby, Savannah Allison, born 6/16/00, 5:05pm, 20 in., 7.7 lbs.

Debbie. They are proud parents of Kathryn Suellen, born July 7, 2000. She was 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Congratulations to Officer Ryan White, #34506, and his wife, Mindy. They are proud parents of Savannah Allison White. Born June 16, 2000 at 5:05 p.m., 7.7 pounds.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Warm welcomes to Det.-I Frank Schweitzer, #26831, Sgt.-II Loren Farrell, #15517, Sgt.-I Mary Kite, #27859, Sgt.-I Jace Kessler, #25418, Sgt.-I William Heard, #30169, P-III Andy Boyce, #26281, P-II Eric Johnson, #33674, P-II Carrie Doorsos, #30643, P-II P. Higa, #35161, P-II Jason Sharman, #35179, P-II Aoiffe Trombetta, #34567, P-II Adam Loo, #35165, P-I Craig Thompson, #35622.

Devonshire bids farewell and good luck to Senior Lead Officer (17A27) Rick Gibby, #17559, who promoted to Sergeant at Van Nuys. He will be greatly missed by his community members and his peers. Good luck, Rick.

Good luck to Det.-II P.J. Morris, #23374, on his promotion to Det.-III. Northeast is very lucky to have you as a supervisor. You will be missed.

Moving up is Sgt.-I Gary Ryan, #22505, promoted to Sgt.-II. His new home is at Internal Affairs Group. Good luck.

Moving out, but not far from home, is Vickie Walton-Noor, #24498, and A.J. Debellis, #27285. Both went to North Hollywood. Jose Verdin, #31536, Francois Reese, #35135, are moving on to Van Nuys. Good luck at your new divisions.

Over the hill, but never forgotten is Danny Shry, #26001, working hard and closer to home at Harbor Division, and Gabriel Gaxiola, #35056, enjoying his new home at Wilshire. Good luck.

P.S. Remember to all who have left, Devonshire will always be home.

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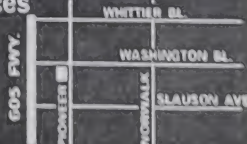
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Winning With West Traffic



by Jorge F. Torres
West Traffic Division

We all should congratulate ourselves for our tremendous success in the DNC. However, as the year progresses it's time for us to continue that success in building our morale. Make sure we go the

extra mile in backing our partners and making our environment a happier one. And don't forget to support our League President, **Ted Hunt!**

Not to take the thunder away from **Cheri Root** and her "Pacific Breeze," but congratulations to **Terry** and **Malele Faleono** for the birth of their baby son, Faithful. Faithful was born on August 13, on the eve of the DNC. Momma and baby are doing fine. By the way, Terry is welcoming all pineapple and coconut donations!

Good luck to **Anne Bozzi** who is off to teach at the Westchester Academy (Heaven help the recruits!). **John Hankins** flew over the LAX substation.



Sgts. Paul Partridge and Rick Luskleet.



West Traffic's welcoming committee to the DNC.



Steve Slineky and Mike Tomelloso assisting a Delegate.

And **Deanne McCarthy** transferred over to West L.A. Division.

West Traffic welcomes Sgts. **Massar, Frazier**, and Officers **Popham, Palma, Sanchez**, and **Vicencio**.

What did one zombie say to the other zombie?? Get a life!

Until next month . . .



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Only in Hollywood

A city where you can't tell the difference between the super stars, the super heroes and the every day working police officers.

In-Outs-N-Ups

Time to look around and see who is the new guy in town. Hey, over there is Detective / Sgt. **Hugo Gutierrez**, in from ATD. There is another Converted Det II / Sgt. **Jiro Oka**, and a new detective coming inside is D-1 **Harry Stirwalt**. Now there's a familiar face, its D-1 **Gevork Shamlyan** returning, to his still warm chair, from his tour in RHD. There is a new P-2 in town and his name is **Gerardo Gutierrez**. Let's not forget

us smiling with his wit and good humor. Our loss is their gain. Look over there and see Sgt. **I Anthony Oddo** going to S/E. And if that's not enough there goes P-2's **Jesus Olivares** to Newton and **Alicia James Tom EODD**. Leaving on the civilian side is **Vivian Gillette** to ND (but her son **Bryan Fox** is still here). You don't see them around here because we have lost P-2 **James Burton** and P-2 **Lynn Bender**. They are both gone due to the need to start enjoying retirement. Let's wave our hankies at them as they disappear into the sunset.

Did someone say promotions? Yes... a lot of them. From the detectives unit are newly promoted detective I's **Daniel**



Todd Ramsey



(L-R) Todd Ramsey and his wife, Stephanie Fryer, Carlos Bedolla and Molly Beall.



(L-R) Lt. Savalla and Capt. Baca.

Armand, Carlos Lopez and **Lisa Lawson**. All these officers and the P-1's are gone. It's just too much to handle. Moving on up to SGT II is Sgt. **Gil Serafin** gone to IAC. Again, take out the clean and well pressed hankies and Yell, Bye Ya'll!

Officer Honored Again

Hollywood's very own officer of the quarter P-III **Todd Ramsey** was honored by the Hollywood rotary society on June 18, 2000. The luncheon held at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel was attended by the citizens of Hollywood. Todd's lovely wife and officers **Stefanie Fryer, Carlos Bedolla**, and **Molly Beall**. Nice to be recognized for a job well done.

Sports News

Well, it's time to sign up for the flag football season. We are still looking for a few good men. As you recall the Hollywood team won it all last year. Let's get ready to repeat as champs again this year.

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SPORTS BEAT

Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

After a scorcherino of a summer, this senior citizen is mighty glad to see the arrival of the autumnal equinox about ten days ago or so. Fall is officially here and from a long distance running point of view it's just one big meet, two practice meets and about 85 days to most everyone's favorite time of the year. Christmas! Of course winter begins about four days before Christmas, but I better slow down 'cause I'm getting way, way ahead of myself. For any retired LAPD coppers that want to run with us (and ladies are especially invited), we have our practice day on the FIRST Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m., rain or shine, in Griffith Park behind the Park Ranger Station on Crystal Springs Road. After the practice we partake of a little breakfast, tell a few interesting tales of skill, bravery and derring-do all of which are accurate, funny and historically correct, and, of course, some are much more accurate, funny and etc. than others. So, as Frank Sinatra almost said, "Come run with us," as we get ready for the Nov. 11th Scorpion Relay Race at Frank Bonelli Park in San Dimas. Details? Captain **Chuck McTaggart** at 661-799-9861.

Although the Democratic National Convention is now six-week-old history, it's never too late for some more "atta-boys," especially for a job especially well done. And from my unique observation post on the 17th floor of the Federal Courthouse, the only better

view was from the police helicopter. On Thursday especially, the area of Temple Street, Los Angeles Street and Main Street looked like a combination chess game, UCLA coming out of a huddle and the Irish River Dancers all rolled into one. Whoever was quarterbacking this convention of cops, and from newspaper accounts it sounds like Deputy Chief **Marty Pomeroy** and his staff, it was an outstanding display of tactics and patience as LAPD, Inc. dazzled the marchers with footwork and stupefied them with one first down after another. From my perch it looked like every move of motorcycles, horses, bicycles and Centurions (thank you, **Joe Wambaugh**) clicked into action like a syncopated Slinky and then 10-15 minutes later it went to plan B and then C and so on. I'd like to whine that we used to do it better in the "old days" but truth be known I don't think so. It seems to me that Marty arrived in Newton somewhere around the Black Panther shootout so he probably recalls that as smooth as that whole operation went down. This one was indeed the one that was really as smooth as silk.

And speaking of Newton cops, it just so happened that in the late afternoon of that same day I had been assigned by my supervisor to take down the colors in front of the courthouse. While so engaged with my partner, who is a retired CHP, who should drive up and park their combat chariots but the U.S. Army in full regalia. They began to disembark quickly and quietly and the troops were so sharp looking and acting that they really caught

my attention. While they began taking a break along the marble stoop in front of the Main Street lawn, quick thoughts are racing through my mind that these guys and gals must be some super-doooper specialized unit to deal with crowds, and then, in a split second the lights went on in my old senior brain. That's exactly who they were. Only it wasn't G. I. Joe, it was 114, in person, gift wrapped and ready to go!

Now at this point nobody knew me any more than any other blue jacketed, brass-buttoned Special Deputy U.S. Marshal, so I walked over to a take charge looking, cami-clad youngster and began to inquire regarding who's the who. In reply, Officer Sharp yes-sirs me three times and is courteously pointing out R-10 somebody when this voice from the marble fence to my rear cries out my name. I look around and come face to face with none other than another Newtonite, a dynamite cop who seldom knew what the word "no" meant—**Ron Stamps**. Ron looked like Buck Rogers with all of his new (to me) equipment, but he still looked sharp enough and in shape enough that he could do another 32 years. About this time **Alex Garcia** walked over, took off his helmet and gave me the big five as he smiled that big Colgate grin of his and said hello. We had worked at Sav-On Drug Stores many years ago catching shoplifters and Alex wasn't good at it. Hah! Just kidding. He was absolutely fantastic at it, and I'll bet that Pacoima and La Puente have not been the same since. But he studied hard and the day eventually came when I watched him march off the stage at the Academy with his head held high and his family beaming at the newest member of

LAPD. Then another Metro officer overheard me telling Ron and Alex that it was 1965 when I worked Metro. That officer then shared that info with the troops who were still resting by the fence, and they promptly let out a big cheer, and I haven't come down to earth since. If you are a Metro Alumni and haven't seen the Metro men and women of the 21st century, let me report to you that you'd be extremely proud of each and every one of them.

So, hats off to LAPD, LASD and the CHP as well as all of the supporting units that worked together so well to handle a group of somewhat misguided "social engineers" who would commit a little bit more than civil disobedience if they felt like it as well as going a little bit over the line of passive resistance if they thought it would fulfill their agenda. The entire city and everyone in it owes all of you a sincere thank you for a job well done and professionally handled in every sense of the word. Again, THANK YOU!!

Phone Call Department

For any of us who worked Newton Wilshire Dets., DHQ or Motown (Detroit, Mich.) P.D. and partnered up with Gene "Pappy" Clarke along the way, see if you can squeeze in a land-line message to him. The old Irishman, like a lot of other old timers we all know, has suffered a stroke that has affected his right side movements. It will sure put a crimp in his qualifying and report writing skills, but it only slowed his jaw bone down just a tad. The number is 714-633-1320. He'll enjoy hearing from you.

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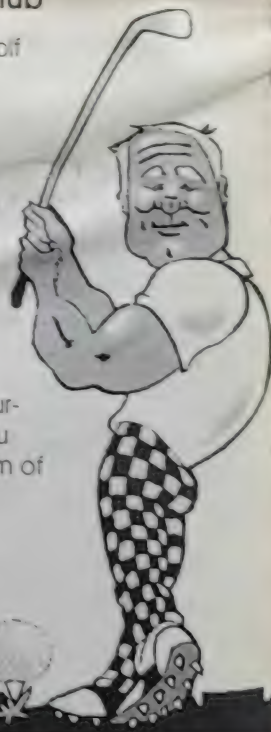
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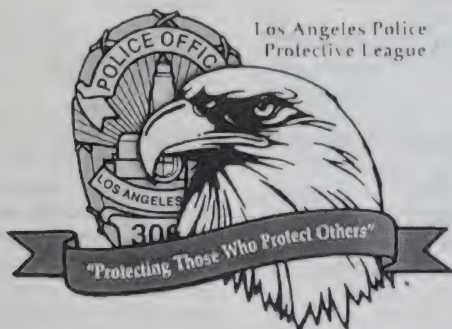
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SPORTS BEAT

47th Sports Awards Dinner Will "Rock Around the Clock" on Friday Evening, December 1

Dust off your poodle skirts and lettermen's jackets, there's a "Happy Days" ahead. That's right, this year's Sports Awards Dinner will be a blast from the past as we go "Back to the Future" for a '50s Sock Hop.

Dinner organizers are putting the final touches on the first bash of the new millennium and encourage those attending to dress the part, promising they won't "Step on Your Blue Suede Shoes."

This will be the 47th edition of LAPRAAC's annual salute to the department's best athletes. Since the first dinner in 1954, over 1,000 individuals have received honors in recognition of their stellar performance in LAPD athletics. How long ago was the first dinner? Well, you could still hear "The Jack Benny Program" live on radio, ride from Glendale to Long Beach on the Pacific Electric Railway's Big Red Cars, and buy one of those new tract houses in the San Fernando Valley for under \$10,000.

Early programs featured guest appearances by entertainment legends Bob Newhart, Jonathan Winters, Milton

Berle, Jimmy Durante and Danny Thomas. Recent dinners have been greeted by sports stars Rafer Johnson, Eric Dickerson, Kenny Landreaux, Mike Piazza and Dwight Stones; world renown author and former LAPD Sgt. Joe Wambaugh, KNBC's Fred Roggin, and the quintessential anti-hero Ed O'Neil ("Al Bundy" of "Married With Children" fame).

The Y2K festivities are still being finalized at our press deadline. In addition to the usual open bar attitude adjustment and three-entree buffet, some surprises are being planned to make the evening one you'll never forget.

Tickets will be available at the Academy Store from LAPRAAC directors or by calling the LAPRAAC office at (213) 221-5222. For updated information on the dinner and ticket availability, call the Sports Beat Winsline, (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

Don't "Leave it to Beaver," be sure to mark Friday, December 1st on your calendars right away! And remember, "Be there or be square!"

Power Pigs Seek 10th Straight Win at November 3 Bench Press Contest

by Lew Snow, LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

Paul von Lutzow's 77th Street Power Pigs will be seeking their tenth straight victory at the Intra-Departmental Bench Press Contest on Friday, November 3rd. The Farmer John's escapees have grunted and snorted their way to overwhelming wins in every competition since the Spring of 1996.

A few months back we asked for suggestions on how to stop the Power Pigs (short of a mass kidnapping or other such felony). Here's a couple of the better (and more printable) responses (the authors remain anonymous to avoid reprisals):

"Get the Chief to call a limited tactical alert for 77th on November 3rd."

"Make them compete buck nekid, like in the Greek Olympiads."

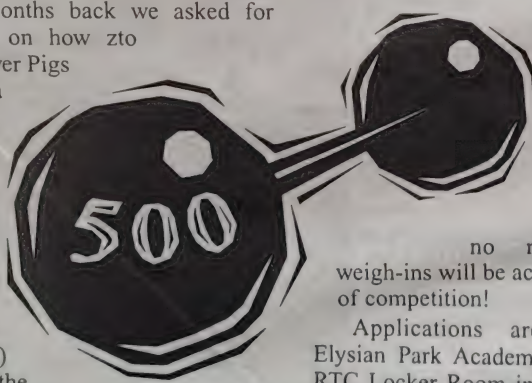
"Have a Community Watch barbecue the night before with plenty of beans sprinkled with Ex-Lax."

"They're Power Pigs... hog-tie 'em... then make 'em lift!"

Deadline to register for this Fall's competition is Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st. Official weigh-in is Thursday, November 2nd,

0900-1600 at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. The sweating starts the next day at 0900 hours. A re-minder that no registrations or weigh-ins will be accepted on the day of competition!

Applications are available at Elysian Park Academy Locker Room, RTC Locker Room in Westchester, the LAPRAAC Administrative Office, department weight rooms, or by calling the LAPD Athletic Director's Office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.



Claybusters Sweep Skeet in Sweet Nevada Heat

by Jimmy L. Trahin

What do Vegas casinos and LAPD have in common? They both love to win! That's exactly what occurred in August at the annual Nevada Police Games when the Trap and Skeet Team came to town. No crap table, no roulette wheel, no blackjack shoe, no monopoly slot machine could deter the LAPD from its intended destiny of victory.

Although the temperatures hovered at a relatively cool 100 degrees each day, the unusual high humidity made things a little sticky. Those hearty souls who ignored their sweat glands included Jeff Nocket, Ed Chauff, Don Bray, Greg DeWitt, Vic Elliott, Bobby Lutz, and yours truly. The majority of the team stayed at the Orleans Hotel which provided a continuous daily diet of crawfish for increased brain power.

The four-day extravaganza included four skeet and four trap events with close to a thousand shotgun rounds being fired. Our shoulders resembled worn down Firestone tires. The first two days consisted of trap with LAPD taking

two silver and two bronze team medals. Good, but not good enough. When the skeet competition started the shooters really became serious and vowed that no clay bird would survive the barrage of gunfire. When the smoke finally cleared, LAPD gold medals in all four skeet events with the second place team not even close. What a sweet skeet sweep!

Individual gold and silver medals went to Jeff Nocket and Don Bray who scarcely had a miss. They were obviously on a mission with orders from the "mother ship." Jimmy Trahin managed a bronze for his efforts in skeet doubles. The final tally came to a combined total of 54 medals, including 23 gold for the seven shooters. Not a bad haul for four days of master lip-blasting.

This was the last major shoot of the year so the team can finally kick back for a well-deserved break. The Club continues its monthly practice shoots at Triple-B (formerly Pachmayr) in El Monte and anyone interested in joining a "winning" team can contact me (Jimmy Trahin) at (562) 698-2674 or e-mail: jtrahin@ix.netcom.com. Remember: If you love your shotgun, it will love you!

THE TEN RING

By Rick Bennett

The LAPD Pistol Team and Don Tsunawaki pulled a "Double Double" as each took dual victories in the Stockton Police and Sacramento Sheriff's dual matches. Our shooters have clocked so many miles on Interstate 5 this year that a rest stop near Kettleman City has been named in its honor!

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| Neil Goldberg | 1484x88 | 1485x94 |
| Lou Salseda | 1483x94 | 1487x90 |
| Rick Bennett | 1473x92 | 1475x96 |

Master Class

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| Stefanie Diaz | 1472x79 | 1472x76 |
| Steve Embrich | 1455x79 | 1459x71 |

Expert Class

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| Lisa Wernli | 1447x60 | 1461x60 3rd place |
| Tom Mace | 1425x48 | |

Team Match

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| Team #1 | 2374x154 WINNER | 2372x158 SECOND |
| Team #2 | 2355x132 THIRD | 2342x120 THIRD |

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High Master Class

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| Don Tsunawaki | 1493x95 1st place | 1493x105 2nd place |
| Paul Shumway | 1491x105 2nd place | 1484x102 |
| Rick Bennett | 1488x92 | 1484x100 |
| Bob Barnes | 1487x110 | 1486x95 |
| Neil Goldberg | 1483x91 | 1480x85 |
| Lou Salseda | 1479x88 | 1481x77 |

Master Class

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|---------------|---------|---------|
| Stefanie Diaz | 1467x66 | 1459x71 |
| Steve Embrich | 1456x76 | 1464x69 |

Expert Class

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| Lisa Wernli | 1463x68 3rd place | 1458x70 |
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Team Match

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|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Team #1 | 1278x144 WINNER | 2368x138 SECOND |
| Team #2 | 2365x135 SECOND | 2350x129 THIRD |

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LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher

The LAPD Motocross team has been asked to bring a guest speaker from the world of professional motocross to the LAPRAAC Sports Awards Banquet on December 31st. Although many legends from the industry are diving at opportunities to become associated



Det. II Donovan Nickerson and wife Sgt. Cassandra Britt-Nickerson, aka "fast & fit" enjoy a day at the races.

with the world renowned "Mudslingers" MX team, we will have to narrow the field to one. Our team has caught the attention of many heroes



Maybe Capt. Beck is thinking about going to A.S.D. too???

such as Greg Ablation, Steve Lampoon, Danny Lappet and Sebastian Tortilla, and is confident that at least one of these guys will be on hand at the Awards. Not only will attendees get to

rub elbows with some of history's greatest "go-fasters," but the ticket price also includes a wonderful meal, live band, and you get to watch the Mudslingers win all of the awards (keep your fingers crossed). Barring a huge national disaster, all team members will be there... with a guest... (hint hint). To go to the show, get a hold of Rich Swisher, buy some tickets for you and the family, and be at the academy on December 1, 2000 at about 6:00



Ofcr. Dan Hadfield, a helicopter pilot at A.S.D. just can't seem to stay on the ground.

p.m. For those of you interested in riding or racing with the Mudslingers, our practice will be the first Tuesday and the third Saturday of every month at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino. All we look for is the willingness to ride and participate in both racing and the awards banquet! Our team is strongly supported by FMF, FACTORY 909, TROY LEE DESIGNS, ACERBIS, BELL HELMETS, MAXIMA RACING OILS, SPY, and JB GRAFIX. We would not be able to compete at the dominating level that we do if it weren't for the generous help of these sponsors and would like to thank them all again for what they do. We would also like to thank the TV Photo and Sound unit for enduring the sweat, dirt and noise to film our antics and for editing the footage down to a Code-20 video that is soon to be sent out to all 10,000 of you blue-suiters to show you just what our team and our sport is all about. Tune in next month and hear all about our results at the "www.firepolice.com" FPMN final rounds.

Tenth Annual Russ Kuster Memorial Golf Tournament

Date:
Friday, October 20, 2000
Time:
0900 Hours
Location:
Debell Golf Course,
Burbank, CA

It's hard to believe that it's been ten years already. We've seen a lot of changes in the Department in that time, but thanks to all who have supported this tournament in the past we have been able to keep Russ's legacy and memory alive. There will be a short memorial service at Hollywood Station the day before the tournament, on

Thursday, October 19th. The time has not been determined yet.

The format is "four-person" scramble and the cost is \$65 per person. This includes green fees, shared cart, gift certificates for the closest to the pins, trophies and "prize money." Once again the "winners" will graciously donate their "prize money" to the bar tab following the tournament. This year the award ceremony and buffet will again be held at the golf course. If we can get 120 people confirmed prior to October 1st, we will be able to have a shotgun start, so spread the word to your friends and contact me ASAP!!

Contact: Mike Thrasher, HWD Homicide, 213-485-6410 for further information.

Soccer Teams Compete at Nevada Games

by Don Barfield

The LAPD Soccer Program sent two 18-person teams up Interstate 15 to compete at the annual Nevada Police Games in Las Vegas. Coached by Sal Duarte, Hugo Cepeida, and yours truly, the squads competed in events held August 22-26. The LAPD Blue team finished fourth overall.

Starting on Wednesday, August 23, teams in the qualifying rounds played two games each day. Due to the heat games starting at 1630 hours and 2200 hours. During the initial rounds each game consisted of two 30-minute halves. The format returned to the usual 45-minute halves during the final rounds on Friday. This was the first year soccer was included in the Nevada competition.

The Blue team started out by winning a close one against Phoenix Police, 3-2. Julio Flores (SW), Alex Fuentes (Newton), and Marlon Marrache (WLA) each contributed goals. The second game saw us on the other end, losing 2-1 to the San Diego Sheriffs. Thad Barfield netted the only LAPD goal. Facing CDC Soledad in game three brought another close match as Flores's goal in the final five minutes proved the only score of the game for a 1-0 Blue Team victory. In the last game of the first round, the fourth in two days,

fatigue started to take its toll. Down 2-1 against the INS late in the game, Luis Romero (Pacific) kicked in his second goal of the game for a 2-2 tie.

LAPD Blue's second place in the tourney standings earned it a shot in the finals. The first match pitted the Blue team against the LAPD #1 squad. It was a terrific battle of blood brothers settled by Rich Gabaldon (Metro) with a penalty shot early in the match. When the dust settled, LAPD #1 came out on top 1-0. The loss kicked the Blue team into a match for third place against the INS. Played in searing heat, Marrache's goal gave LAPD an early lead but the Federales physically dominated the match with fouls. Several missed opportunities and fatigue from playing six games in three days of 100+ degree temperatures could not be overcome. Even with another goal by Marrache late in the game, the INS came out on top 3-2, dropping the LAPD Blue team into a fourth place finish.

Standing (from left): Julio Flores, Willie Fajardo, Marlon Marrache, Don Barfield, Raphael Ferrer, Sean Meade, Alex Fuentes, Werner Flores, Nelson Enamarado, Robert Morales. Kneeling: Serafin Rodriguez, Francisco Lopez, Thad Barfield, Louis Estrella, Sal Duarte, Jorge Morales, Peter Lee and Luis Romero.

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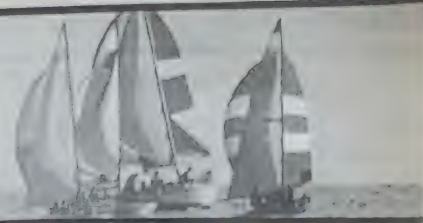
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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of The Thin Blue Line. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

SABLA—Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

Thanksgiving 2000

In Sacramento all of us have put away the summer shorts and t-shirts and now are getting ready for the winter—and the holiday season—which is fast approaching. Are you ready? Retirees are always ready!! Right? Ho! Ho! Ho!

I know it's only October, but it's time to get your "best" ready for the SABLA Christmas luncheon. This year Chairman **Ed Lewandowski** and his wife, **Cindy**, will have another great luncheon at Del Webb's Roseville banquet room! The date is Thursday, December 21, 2000, at 1130 hours. This date is just before Christmas this year, so if you haven't done it already, come and put yourself in the mood and meet some of the finest retired police officers in the world!

So mark your calendar and make your reservation with **Hoy Key**, our illustrious treasurer, at (916) 771-9206 or hoy@psyber.com. He'll give you the details and directions if needed. This article will have more details in next month's Blue Line. But these are always a great party time and usually SABLA will come up with enough funding for some gifts to those attending. So make your plans fit into our plan! OK?

Last month I told you about a new book that **Jack Halstead** has put together. Now y'all know Jack, right?? No, not THAT Jack!! This Jack has come out with a "must buy" book that he has published, and it is a classic! It's available at the Legal Book Store, 316 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles, 90062. I still have not read it all. It's not that kind of a book. This is written about Los Angeles Police Officers of all ranks. This is a book that should be treated like a fine bottle of wine. You read a little, you reflect a little. You read some more, then you rest. And then go on, but at a slow pace.

History of the events and activities of the Los Angeles Police Department from 1960 to 2000, published by Ret. Lt. Jack Halstead. It's a narrative and chronological form. It's easy to read, but it takes time to read. There are so many details

and so many names of people that you and I have known. This is a great "piece of work"! This is a text that every police officer from that era should have in his library. It is a reference book and it's non-fiction storytelling at its best!

Thank you, Jack, for putting this together. It should be a sellout!! Check it out!

In case some of you may have missed it last month, the SABLA meeting place for the last several years—The Palomino—has closed its doors! I'm told that SABLA was in no way responsible for the closing!

Unlike the LAPD Motor Squad, we did not set it on fire, like they did the academy lounge a few years back! OK. So MORE than a few years back! It got hot a few times there, but we were good. The new owners could just not keep it going!

So for the luncheon on Thursday, November 9, 2000, we will be going to the "Friends" restaurant, Rancho Cordova, Highway 50, and the Zinfandel off-ramp. Go north to the northeast corner of the first street. You'll see it. Still 1130 for social time, 1200 for lunch. Order ANYTHING from the menu when you arrive, and they'll have it on your table at 1200. Sit with someone you don't know well and start a new friendship! Come break bread with us! It would be just perfect if you would call Ed Lewandowski and let him know you're coming. Three ways to do that: phone at either (530) 626-4248 or (916) 445-4710 or e-mail at fasted@plvl.innernet.com. It's nice to let them know how many of us are coming so they can set up tables, etc.

So two "biggies" for all of you and me. One in November and one in December. The luncheon in Rancho Cordova on November 9th at Friends, and the Christmas luncheon at Del Webb's Roseville on December 21st. So put it on your social calendar now, or like me, have your "Social Director" put it on her calendar. But please be there, and please bring her too!

With the passing of time, just in case you forgot to pay your SABLA dues this past July 1st, you owe!! It's way past time for all you regulars to come up with your

dues for the new year, which began on July 1st! Just \$15 a year puts you in for the whole year! You couldn't join a "mo' better" organization, for just a little over \$1 a month. C'mon, join us!

Speaking of joining, there is a SABLA group that just had a significant anniversary. They joined the LAPD 60—yes, 60—years ago! And here they are in SABLALand. Still going strong!! So from that Academy class of September 1940, here they are!! **Nate Iannone, Ray Lauritzen, John Powers, George Puddy, and Hal White**. So for the past 60 years these five—and yes I know there are others—but these five have been serving their community AND their country! Our "hats" are off to you. Congratulations! The "good guys" win!!

I'm not sure I covered this before, but the July election of officers for SABLA resulted in the election of **Ed Lewandowski** as Chairman and **Hoy Key** was elected for an unprecedented ninth term as the Secretary/Treasurer! Congratulations are in order here! Thank you both for keeping us together! Your service to all of us is greatly appreciated! Give 'em a hand you guys and gals! And a big pat on the back for **Justin Dyer** who led us this past year.

Now for some sad news, because one of our SABLA members passed away. I received an e-mail message from SABLA member **Bob Keel**. He stated that **Albert Lee James** died on Friday, August 11, 2000.

He stated that Al retired on disability during the middle '60s. They had been partners in Administrative Vice from 1950 to 1952 and had been close friends for many years. His widow, **Eunice**, is reportedly doing as well as can be expected. Bob stated that Al had been a member of SABLA for only a short time, but he will be in our prayers always.

My wife, **Judy**, and I just completed a cross country trip by car. We left the day after Father's Day in June and returned August 4th. Only 10,230 miles, 28 states plus D.C. So if I seem a little short on names this month, believe me, next month I'll have plenty!

And by the way, a couple of months back I mentioned **Bill Johnson's** name—that I had seen him for the first time in many months! Well, it seems I left something out. I misspelled his last name! Can you believe? To correct this ill, I'm officially noting that Bill's last name is spelled **Johnston!!** With a "t" in there!! OK, Bill?? I love this guy!!

Don't forget Thursday, November 9, 2000, Friends restaurant, Highway 50 and Zinfandel, 1130 hours.

And, of course, we'll still be telling everyone about all of you LAPDers that visit us from all over the U.S.A. from time to time. C'mon by! And, of course, where our SABLA people are coming or going.

Our mailbox is P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. Write to us. We'd like to hear from you.

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Association

by Ron and Elayne Gray

Aloha! We were pleased to welcome approximately 30 Hawaiian-clad guests to our home on August 18th for the "Summer Luau—Desert Style." The mid-August heat was waaay up there, but the misters made it nice.

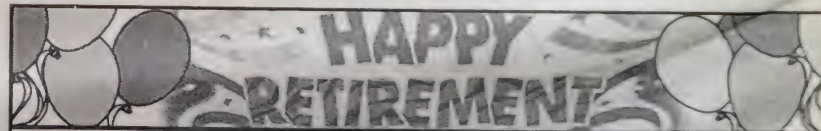
Each guest got "lei'd" at the front door and then proceeded to the patio for pupus and rum punch. The roasted pig was on the spit (pork loin on the rotisserie) and was accompanied by a variety of salads and side dishes, along with shrimp and sushi.

Each month brings a few new faces to the desert. First-timers this month were **Russ Stevens** from Culver City and **Roland and Judy Drouin** from right here in Sun City. It was good to see **Jack and Carolyn Davis** (also Sun City) and **Jerry Wittmann** from Indio.

Congratulations were extended to **Fred and Barbara Clapp** who were married on July 22nd. **Mike and Elsa McGann** kept us entertained with stories about their new house—no, it's not haunted, but it does have a history.

Our fall season will get underway soon so watch for flyers in the mail. Make sure **Sandi Palmer** has your address. You can contact her by e-mail at CVBlueLine@aol and get your name on our roster.

Thank you to **Dick and Char Lanphere** for the use of their chairs and to **Fred and Barbara Clapp** for their dishes and decorating ideas. Thank you also to **Jack and Dixie Girous** who contributed (though they didn't know it) lots of Hawaiian recipes from the Kulakane. We had so much fun planning this party we've decided to make it an annual event. Mahalo nui loa! ❖



Friends and family congratulate Keith Anderson on his retirement.

photo by Dennis P. Zine

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Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

"I Lost My Sweetheart"

After nine months of fighting a losing battle, my wife, **Beverly**, passed away on August 27th at 6:55 a.m. They transferred her from the health care center to Hemet Valley Hospital emergency room at 5:00 p.m. August 26th.



Beverly Yandle telling all of you "thanks."

The doctor informed me that she could not last more than two hours. Two hours came and went, then four hours, then six hours. The doctors could not believe she was still hanging on. I told them they were wrong—she would go when she was ready and not before. At 11:30 p.m., they moved her to a ward on the fourth floor. I stayed with her all night. At 6:30 a.m. on the 27th, I did a quick rundown of our beautiful life together. I kissed her many times between the talking. I told her she had taken and survived all the torture they had put her through and now I did not want her to suffer anymore. I told her it was all right for her to go. Although she had been in a coma for three days, she halfway smiled as if to say, "I'll see you later, sweetheart." She took a deep breath, then she let it all out. She died in my arms at 6:42 a.m. She was pronounced dead by the doctor at 6:55 a.m.

It has been one hell of a battle for the past 9-1/2 months. She fought all the way, never giving up until I told her it was okay to go. Through my investigation, which has been ongoing since Nov., 1999, I learned that she should never have had a bypass in the first place. A cardiologist in San Diego told

me Beverly was not a candidate for bypass surgery because her problem could have been taken care of by medication. He also told me that because she had her stroke in the I.C.U. room at the hospital, they could have given her two medications within three hours and they would have cleared the clot in the brain. The other would have stopped the swelling in her brain. He said the doctor who told her she would die in hours if she did not have the bypass should be reported to the state Medical Board. Also, the doctor who chose to leave on vacation an hour after he read the CAT scan showing where the clot was lodged and did nothing about it, and so on and so on. If I tried to tell everything that happened to Beverly it would take up four full pages of this paper, so you will understand. November 16 she had an angiogram, the doctor rushed her into surgery, on November 18 she had bypass surgery. Then because of inadequate nursing she was not bathed and laid in feces for three days. I know because I marked the gown on the hem with the date the first day she suffered chronic staph infection from it. She had a respiratory arrest on December 8th, suffered infection where they stripped the vein out for bypass, and was so bad they advised amputation. I fought it, second opinion proved it could be saved, staph infection from inadequate care and prevention at another hospital, my Medicare ran out, moved her to another hospital where Blue Cross would pay, moved her to skilled nursing facility in Redlands, should have done more investigating. It had no air conditioning and substandard nursing. Because of the inadequate care she was taken to Loma Linda Community Hospital and was assigned a primary doctor who should never have had a license to practice medicine. They needed to put an I.V. in so they could give her antibiotics. This doctor said put it in the top vein on her left foot. I told him no and he did it anyway. The foot swelled up twice the size and it became infected and the veins turned black. This doctor had her transferred without my knowledge to Hemet. The doctor in Hemet, after viewing the foot, recommended amputation and said gangrene was setting in if they did not remove the foot she would be dead within five days. Again I sought a second opinion and the new doctor saved her foot. In the months following, many

things happened to Beverly that should never have happened. But she is at peace now. Nothing and no one can hurt her again, but God, how I miss her. Beverly was cremated on September 1st. I'm bringing her home until I pass on, then both ashes will be mixed together and our wedding rings will go into the ashes and go into a crypt at Riverside National Cemetery. The inscription on top of the urn beside our names and birth and died dates will read, "Sweethearts together" at the top and below the name will be the inscription: "If this urn is rockin', don't bother knockin', we're busy."

Thank you for all your prayers and cards and letters. Beverly was able to read and read them all. She loved you all.

Clifford White passed away July 30, 2000 after a long bout with cancer. He, too, was a fighter and fought until the end. Our hearts go out to his wife, **Rosemary**. We'll miss Cliff as well.

Floyd Phillips just got out of the hospital. He, too, is a fighter. He is

home now. I talked to him on the 30th of August. He says he is not ready and besides he is not sure if St. Peter will let him in at this time. He has got to stick around a little while longer and do more good deeds. He will make it. Beverly will put in a good word for Floyd.

I'm sorry we will not be having our October meeting of the Inland Blue Line. My northern (Oregon) family and Beverly's family are having a memorial in October, and I will be up north. I'm really sorry. This will be the first one we have missed in 18 years. We will have the next one January 10, 2000.

We will have Beverly's memorial on September 17th at The Anchor. But I don't have time to get it in the September issue. So watch the *Thin Blue Line* for future articles.

So buckle up, be careful. It's a jungle out there, and I've lost so much. I need you all around to cheer me up. God bless.

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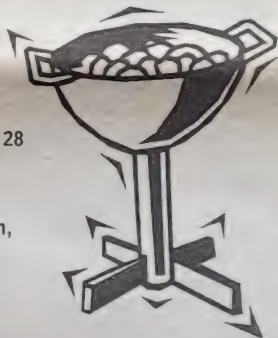
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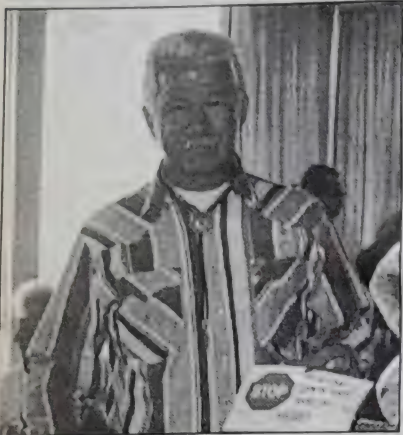
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RETIREMENT NEWS

The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings from all of us on the beautiful Central Coast. Well, summer's over and the fall season is upon us. We hope that all of you were able to turn some of your dreams into reality. Speaking of reality, a lot of us are dealing with the myriad of problems our senior family members are facing. Recently, **Judy** and



Tom Zwinger

I moved my mother from her residence of 42 years in the L.A. area to be closer to us. I almost had to call the LAPD SWAT team for assistance. The good news was that we found a living care facility in nearby Santa Maria for her that worked out well. The bad news was that I had a rental truck full of furniture that needed unloading and I was desperate for some assistance. Feeling some-

(DNC). It was great to see LAPD officers take care of business using excellent crowd control tactics, when required.

Recently, during a wonderful trip to the Coeur D'Alene area, I was talking to retired LAPD motor officer, **Robbie Robinson**, about his friend, Fuzz member, **Jeff Watkins**, who was highlighted in our Focus on the Fuzz back in January, 1999. It got me thinking that I should mention those who we have focused upon over the years. As you can imagine, we have many more Fuzz folks to go, so here goes.

In addition to two of our fearless founders, **Freeman Calvert** and **Bob Rackerby** (see photo of Bob and wife, Aileen), the following members have been highlighted: **Dave Frazier** (Sept. '98), **Brian Galbraith** (Oct. '98), **Allen Schlocker** (Dec. '98), **Greg Dossey** (March '99), **John Bradbury/Josanne Jackson** (April '99), **Bob Darnell** (June '99), **Fred Tuggey** (July '99), **Brian Pearson**, **Dave & Claudia Bannister** (April '00), **Gerd Kenieczny** (May '00), **Guy Hogue** (May '00), **Joe Ramey Memorial** (May '00), and **Paul Hardy** (Sept. '00). The entire membership, along with spouses, was mentioned in the March, 2000 Blue Line issue.

Judy and I ran into **Allen Schlocker** at a recent event in San Luis Obispo. Al, who underwent recent back surgery, was doing well with his recuperation. All of us wish you a speedy recovery, my friend.

A special thanks to **Brian & Cathy Galbraith** and **Tom & Dorie Zwinger** for putting together our Annual Auction Luncheon in Pismo Beach on Sept. 21st. We'll report on the big event next time.

Northwest Connection

During our travels to the Great Northwest, retired LAPD Air Support Division retirees, **Werner Krempels** and lovely wife, **C.J.**, along with **John & Joyce Preston** hosted us. In addition, **Jim & Colleen Olmore** flew in from Temecula, CA. At a Labor Day barbecue at nearby beautiful Hayden Lake, the following LAPD clan also made our visit very memorable: **Robbie & Loretta Robinson**, **Pete & Marsha Clemens**, **Henry & Debbie Lane**, and **Mike & Donna Hrehor**. It's always great to visit LAPD retirees and see them pursuing their retirement dreams. Thanks, guys.

Keep traveling and keep in touch with good friends. Catch us at wuzzlapd@aol.com. KMA



Bob Rackerby and wife Aileen

what guilty, I called upon my Fuzz friends, **Fred Tuggey** and **Tom Zwinger** (see photo). Both of these gents dropped everything (not the furniture) and came immediately to bail me out, just like they did back at West Valley Division years ago. Again, that LAPD family responded and made things work out. After three hours of grueling work, their comment was, "We're sure glad you called us for help." I couldn't thank them enough. The bottom line is that mom is now happy where she is. Thanks, my friends.

Kudos to the LAPD for their swift response to the demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention

Dates to Remember

October

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| October 1 | Vargas M/C Run | 0930 | |
| October 5 | Joe Vita | 1700 | 1830 |
| October 5 | Louis Graham | 1630 | |
| October 5 | East Valley P.A.L.S. Luncheon | 1130 | |
| October 6 | S.B. Homicide Reunion | 1530 | |
| October 6 | Terry Richardson | 1730 | 1830 |
| October 11 | Inland Blue Line | 1100 | |
| October 12 | Pat Dammeier, Bob Saurman, Mike Sullivan | 1700 | 1830 |
| October 13 | Newton Reunion | | |
| October 19 | Ronald Weimer | 1100 | 1130 |
| October 20 | Russ Kuster Memorial Golf Tournament @ Debell G.C. | 0900 | |
| October 22 | Valley Retired Blues BBQ | 1200 | |
| October 22 | Dan Hoffman | 1700 | 1800 |
| October 22 | Valley Retired Blues | 1100 | 1200 |
| October 24 | Gil Waldron | | |
| October 27 | Paul Holmen, Richard Sharpe, Frank Provenzano, Robert Good | 1700 | 1800 |

November

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| November 1 | L.A. Retired Fire & Police Assn. Meeting | 1000 | |
| November 3 | Ron Vlaming & Al Kiel | 1200 | |
| November 6 | LAPPL Golf Tournament @ Porter Valley G.C. | 1000 | |
| November 9 | S.A.B.L.A. | 1130 | |

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on October 18, 2000, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. in the room adjacent to the Bar Lounge. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:00 a.m. for coffee and visiting. The food orders are taken after 11:00 a.m.

Since this October meeting will precede the BBQ by a few days, maybe some of you will consider attending as not all that come to the Lamplighters go to the BBQ. It would be a good time to visit with some of your old friends and partners that worked in the Valley many years ago. I will be accepting reservations and checks until October 16, 2000, for our annual BBQ at **Dale Rickard's** ranch at 33173 Mulholland Hwy in Malibu on Sunday, October 22, 2000. Highway 23 going south has exits in both directions on the Ventura Freeway. Highway 23 is also known as Mulholland from the crest of the Santa Monica Mountains. Dale's place is located about one mile south of the crest or about six miles south of the freeway.

I have had some calls regarding not being mentioned in the monthly column. The column for each meeting does not appear in the Blue Line for about six weeks following the meeting due to publication restraints of the paper. I check and double check my attendance list with the column and am not aware of missing any who have attended, but will welcome any comments and stories I can include with the column.

We had 23 at the August 16th luncheon. There were not any new attendees

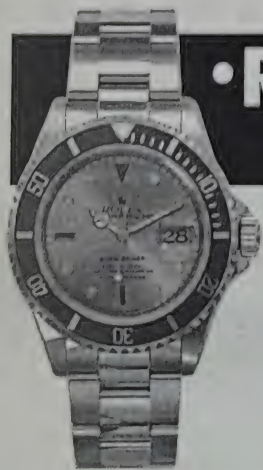
this month; however, it has been several years since **Ken Brondell** (3336) was present. The following were at the lunch this month: **John Becker** (5055), **Jim Davis** (14365), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Gene Dillon** (3411), **Emmett Drennon** (3279), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Hillard (Curly) Elliott** (4534), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Mel Harner** (4501), **John Kepke** (4603), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **George Moore** (10565), **Lou Netza** (7685), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Duane (Whitney) Ryburn** (3981), **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), and **Mel Tousseau** (3270).

Jack Halstead's new book was available and reviewed by many attending the luncheon. It is a narrative and chronologically dated History of the events and activities of the Los Angeles Police Department from 1960 to 2000. The book is available at the Academy Store, 1880 N. Academy Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (323) 221-5222, and Legal Book Store, 316 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 626-2139. The price is \$22 plus S&H (\$4.95).

Jim Dougherty's new Web site address is <http://www.cybertours.com/~trapstar>. Hope those that may have been trying to see it will now give this a try—I did and it works.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

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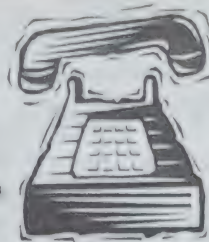
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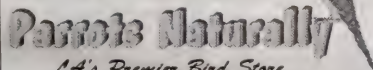
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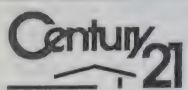
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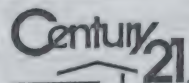
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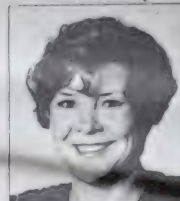
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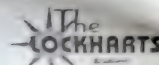
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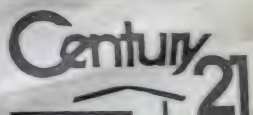
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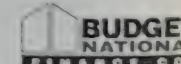
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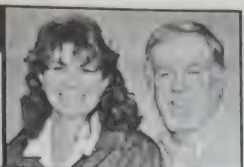


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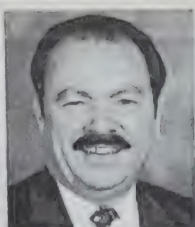


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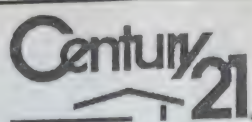
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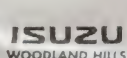
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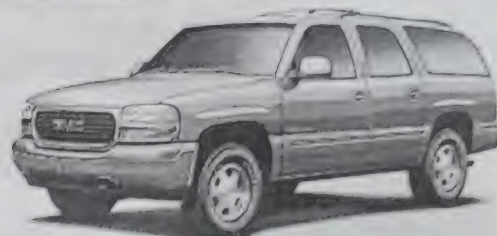
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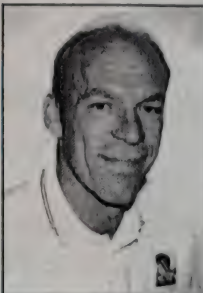
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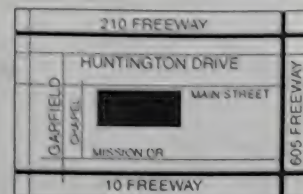
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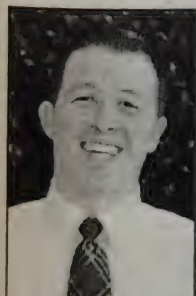
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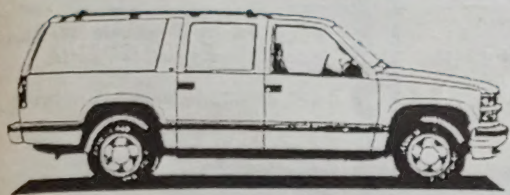
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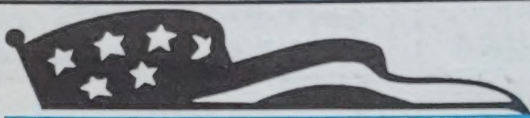


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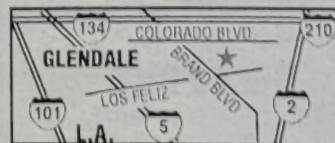
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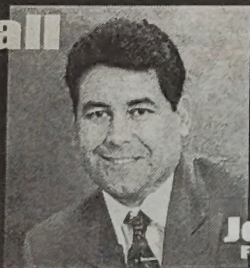
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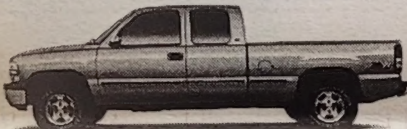
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